

**A Happy Birthday to the
December Birthdays!**



Lillian Hunter
Annette Parker
Trina Jones
Laverne Coleman
Stephanie Tudor
Cheryl Mohs
Sylia Bullock
Sylissa Thomas
Tlyasha Williams
Audrey Jones
Rossy Villanueva



Day Nursery / Child Care Answers
615 N. Alabama Street Suite 300
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Phone: 317-636-5727
Fax: 317-687-6248

Day Nursery CACFP Staff Extensions

Staff Position Extension

Marsha Hearn-Lindsey, Director of Operations 226

Mindy Bennett, Director of Programs 224

Molly Manley, CACFP Coordinator 228

Larry Gist, Database Manager 249

**DAY NURSERY
HOME VIEWS**

December 2011

*Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!!!!*

REMINDERS

- 1. Please contact our office if you will not be serving a meal. We know schedules will change during the holidays but keep us in mind when they do.**
- 2. Make sure you are documenting meals at point of service, regardless of how many children are in attendance.**
- 3. Please remember juice may only be served twice a week. If it is on your menu more than twice, the meal will be disallowed.**

Indoor Activities



With the weather turning colder it's harder to get the kids outside for some quality physical activity.

Here are some great suggestions to do indoors.

- **Dance, Dance, Dance:** Turn on a favorite CD, crank up the volume and have your own dance party. Put on costumes or dress up clothes and have a dance competition. For extra fun, do the limbo or play musical chairs.
- **Obstacle Course Maneuvers:** Arrange pillows, couch cushions, brooms and chairs to create an indoor obstacle course. Use your imagination to turn everyday objects into exciting road blocks. Pillows can be lily pads to jump on, cushions can be alligators to leap over, and table can be tunnels to crawl under.
- **Bowling:** Set up plastic bottles in the shape of a triangle at the end of a hallway and roll a ball to try and knock them over. Have the children take turns setting up the bottles. Keep score and see how many strikes you can get!
- **Treasure Hunt:** To hold an indoor treasure hunt, take a small jigsaw puzzle apart and hide the pieces around a room in the house. Once all of the pieces have been found, the kids can have fun putting the puzzle back together. If you like, write a clue on the back of the puzzle that will lead the children to a hidden prize once the hunt is completed.



Minute Menu
Minute Menu
Minute Menu

Congratulations to the error free claimers for October:

Ralph Armstrong	Stacy Keaton	Becky Reed
Tara Barber	Teri Kopetsky	Anna Renfro
Edwina Berry	Griselda Martinez	Levon Richardson
Stephanie Berry	Linda McGinnis	Melony Roberson
Deanna Collins	Vicki McKinnon	Beverly Sanders
Sandra Crenshaw	Alisha McLennan	Julie Schultz
Sandra Daley	Valerie Means	Kim Shultz
Angela Davis	Cheryl Mohs	Tina Shumpert
Theo Everett	Lynda Morgan	Megan Skidmore
Laura Fahrner	Karen Nall	Deborah Stewart
Rosalba Flores-Zamora	Jackie Negri	Melanie Webber
Jenny Frank	Deanna Nokes	Sarah Weesner
Rossvelt Garrett]	DeShanna Norton	
Beverly Givens	Dalia Osorio	
Linda Godwin	Judy Parks	
Theresa Horton	Vivian Pfoutz	
Jane Iles	Cassy Pickett	
Shannon Jones	Kim Prince	
	Mary Raisor	



October Claim Vital Statistics:

- Total Number of Claims: 101
- Total On-time claims: 88
- Total Meals: 49,804
- Breakfast - 12,924 PM Snack - 14,748
- AM Snack - 5,064 Dinner - 1,837
- Lunch - 14,675 Eve. Snack - 556
- Total Children Served: 1,235
- Claim Total: \$62,092.40
- Average Meal Reimbursement: \$1.24

COOKIE CUTTER FUN

This time of year is a great time to dig out those cookie cutters and have some fun in the classroom. They don't always have to be used to make cookies; you may find some inspiration in the following ideas:

- Use cookies cutters to make shapes out of sandwiches, cheese, or other food.
- Trace around them and let children make their own pictures.
- Use as a stencil to cut out shapes from colored construction paper. Place paper shapes on a table and let each child match the cookie cutter to them.
- Place the cookie cutter in a pot and grow grass in the shape of the cookie cutter. The children can have their own grass pet and give it a "hair cut"
- Have children close their eyes and use their senses to feel and describe what the cookie cutter shape is.



Remember to keep cookie cutters for food separate from those used for art.

Eggnog Smoothie

In a blender; combine 2 cups pasteurized commercial eggnog; 1 banana, peeled; 1 cup low fat vanilla yogurt; 1/3 cup milk; 2 cups ice; 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon. Blend until smooth and frosty.

