

No tears if toys are thoughtfully selected

By Sherry Klopfer

You might want to blame Santa when your child cries in frustration as his new battery operated truck runs down after a few hours of play on Christmas day or when he pounces on a big box under the tree only to devote a few moments to its contents, never to return to that gift again.

But a little thought devoted now to getting the most suitable toys for your babies to first graders can bring them many happy hours of creative play and provide a rewarding learning experience.

Carol Slatt, co-owner of the Play'n 'Learn toy store in Yorkville, attended the October Parents meeting of the German Mills Co-operative Nursery School and she brought along some toys representing good play value for various stages of the pre-schooler's development.

I have added a few other good buys as well as new toys on the market that should be appropriate as Christmas presents for young children and are readily available in leading toy stores and department store toy sections.

Toy prices do vary on some items, therefore the prices quoted here must be considered approximate.

Playtentials Series 1 at \$16 and Series 11 at \$14, developed by Dr. Burton L. White, Director of the Harvard Pre-school Project, provide a planned developmental challenge to baby's sensory system from three weeks to eight months of age.

The toy consists of a stand attached to the crib to which various objects geared to sight, touch or sound can be added.

The crib set also seem to enjoy cutting their teeth on the colorful Space Ring Teether and the comforting Teething Man, both by Creative Playthings at \$4.

Interaction

Once the toddler begins to venture around the house, he or she will be fascinated by the interaction with objects provided by the big red Super Magnet at \$4.50 and the Big Eye and Little Eye set of convex and concave magnifying glasses at \$15, both by Creative Playthings.

The child's creative development is greatly stimulated by the use of art supplies, puppets and construction toys.

Mrs. Slatt stressed that pre-schoolers must have big, fat paintbrushes priced from 50 cents up and the chunky crayons such as Polyart at \$3.50 or the fluorescent crayons at \$1.

She said, "Puppets that have a simple open and close mouth movement are a lovely thing to start young children on, then later, they can advance to puppets with hand movements and then marionettes on strings perhaps on a stage."

Who knows, puppet play may lead to an interest in the theatre.

Mrs. Slatt mentioned the Judy Folk Puppets for hands at \$8.50 each or the Sesame Street finger puppets at \$1.50 each but said there is a wide variety to choose from.

Imaginative play

Young fingers can begin hand co-ordination with the Playschool Colored Blocks at \$10 and move on to one of the Duplolego kits from \$1.30 to \$10. Once



He's not to blame.

these are mastered, the old standbys of toy construction, Tinker Toys from \$4 to \$10 and Canadian Logs from \$6 to \$8, are both very popular again because they provide hours of imaginative play.

If the toddler wants a doll, Playschool's Dapper Dan or Dressy Bessy at \$10 is an excellent double duty investment as these dolls help teach children how to dress themselves as well as being cuddly, good size dolls for play.

"Parents seem to be eager to teach their children the alphabet and how to tell the time at an early age," says Mrs. Slatt.

Playschool has the largest collection of wood puzzles on the market and among them is a clock puzzle at \$4.60 that should interest young clock watchers. Playschool also makes sets of magnetic letters and numbers at \$3 each that children can use on stoves and refrigerators. The letters can be used in both upper and lower case — which is often neglected in toys and books dealing with the alphabet.

Fisher Price has come out with a couple of new toys for younger children. The Safari is a truck, tent and cage setup with several animals that sells for \$22 and Sesame Street is a replica of the TV series set complete with characters, furniture and chalk board that all folds up for storage and carrying; the cost is \$23.

Books popular

Golden Books are always popular with the young ones and there are two new titles out. In the Touch and Feel Series, "Santa's Beard is Soft and Warm," at \$3.50 and in the Fragrance Series, "Winnie the Pooh" at \$4.

These toy suggestions should give you some ideas for stocking fillers and Santa's trip down the chimney this Christmas.



Christmas Concert at St. Stephen's

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On Sunday, Dec. 14 at 8 p.m., St. Stephen's Anglican Church will be hosting its third annual Christmas Concert.

This year's program will present works by great baroque masters for harpsichord, organ, violin, recorder and voice.

Guest soloists from the University of Toronto Faculty of Music will join with St. Stephen's organist Valerie Weeks. Also featured will be the madrigal singers of Oakwood Collegiate.

Come out and take part in this festive evening of Christmas music.

HELP has answers

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Perform Dickens' classic

On Sunday Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. the "Teston Players" are presenting "A Christmas Carol" in the Church hall.

The adaptation of the well-known Dickens play has been done by Dave Cambden. All are welcome to attend.

Lions Yule event

Cards are still available for the Lions Club annual Turkey Shoot on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 12:30 p.m. at Shur Gain Farms.

This is a traditional event to mark the beginning of the Yuletide Season.

Support your local Lions Club. To help them is to help the Community.

Support Minor Hockey

Just a personal suggestion that you support participants in the Maple Minor Hockey Association.

There are House League games Saturday mornings and GMHA games Wednesday and Friday nights.



BOOK TALK

by Margaret Carrington
A librarian looks at new Markham Library books

Timely titles

These five timely titles include one for people who are rethinking their positions on public education and two for parents whose children are already asking for ideas about Christmas presents they can make. 80 Things to Make That Go, by Ron Warring

Rubber bands, electricity, wind, chemicals and pulled strings supply the motive power for one or another of these ingenious toys that actually move — airplanes, cars, boats, weaving looms and marionettes. While a few of the projects require a fairly high degree of dexterity and some rather specialized equipment, most of them could be easily completed by anyone over 10 years old (Non-fiction)

Busy Fingers Book of Games to Make and Play, by Brian Edwards

This is a dandy craft book for kids from about six to ten. It describes some really original and appealing games which the young craftsman can make from odds and ends around the house and then either play with himself or give to a friend. (Non-fiction)

And the Children Played, by Patricia Joudry

A storm of controversy has arisen out of the decision by a successful Canadian playwright to educate her three children at home rather than send them to school. This candid book describes in detail the origin and outcome of her bold experiment.

Many readers will doubt the applicability of her methods to their own situation but in these days of recurring strikes, disaffected teachers and reading lists of dubious value, Mrs. Joudry's book makes provocative reading indeed. (Non-fiction)

Tombs of Blue Ice, by Ron Faust
This mountain climbing-mystery story includes almost every possible thrill inducing element — lightning strikes, sudden disappearances, murder, betrayal, mistaken identity, long smouldering hatreds, and a blind man fighting for his life at the edge of a yawning crevasse. Yet the plot never collapses into an overblown jumble of cheap effects, but is shaped skillfully into a thoroughly convincing narrative which captures attention immediately and holds it fast. (Fiction)

Tobias and the Angel, by Frank Yerby

We have many readers who could always find something they liked to read if only Frank Yerby would write one book a week. This, his 26th novel, tells about a lusty young man who meets, on his way to marry his cousin, a real but practical angel who gives him many a blinding insight into human motivation. Once at his fiancée's house, Tobias is enmeshed in a web of intrigue, evil and passion which almost overwhelms even his guardian angel.

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at noon — Wednesday, December 31st, 1975
Thursday, January 1st, 1976
Friday, January 2nd, 1976

The Offices will remain open until 5:00 P.M. up to and including, Thursday December 18th, 1975.

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