



Miracle Farm Speech Therapy
The Annual Holiday Recommendations
2020

Happy Holidays! This year we are especially grateful to our wonderful clients who have trusted in Miracle Farm Speech Therapy and who have been responsible, safe, and flexible. While 2020 had its challenges, it has taught us how to be resilient and how to think out of the box. It is in that spirit that we are excited to present our annual holiday recommendations. All of us at Miracle Farm Speech Therapy consider ourselves blessed to work with you and to have such a rewarding job. We wish you peace, health, happiness, and hope this holiday season. Please find below a list of suggested toys, games, and gift items that we have personally recommended to Santa! We hope you like them!!



Games:

-Yeti Games!!!- Yeti in My Spaghetti, Yeti Forgetti, Yeti or Not!, Yeti, Set, Go! and pair it with a Yeti Play Set, Yeti Slippers, and the great book, "No Yeti Yet". I like to include a Yeti stuffed animal and a pair of fake binoculars so you can play "find the hidden Yeti" at home!

-Obstacles- This is a great new game by Eeboo. It sparks creativity and problem solving. You have to come up with creative ways to use your "tools" to get around the various "obstacles" and make it home.

-Bumparena- This amazing game by Cranium Games is a great way to work on strategy and planning. It involves building somewhat of a pinball machine, adding bumpers on each turn. There is a lot of movement and fine motor involved which keeps kids engaged.

-Go Bananas- A great early game for turn taking!

-Don't Break the Ice- One of the greatest games of all time!! Need I say more?

-Zingo and What's Gnu?- These are a couple of oldies but goodies!! Working on numerous speech and language skills including matching, pre-reading, vocabulary, articulation, and turn-taking.



Active Toys:

-Magic Melting Series- You can get a magical melting elf, Christmas tree, snowman, shark, unicorn, etc. So many uses for this melting putty that can teach patience and attention.

-Pretend Sink and Dishes- (By Walmart) The kids just love this play sink that has running water and is durable and portable.

-Bubble Blowers and Whistles- Who says bubbles are just for summer? Theraproducts.com has a great selection of bubble blowers and whistles.

-Mesh and Marble Fidget- These are great little fidget toys that are being used in schools to help with attention and focus.

-Door Pong- This is like a ping pong game that you hang in your doorway. This toy was invented by a young boy who wanted to create a game of ping pong that his younger brother with autism could play. This game is in stock at Baby-Go-Round in Hampton Falls, NH.

- Indoor Snowballs**- great way to bring active play indoors. Have your child toss them in a bucket or try to throw them through a hoop to work on aim, coordination, and concentration.
- **Nerf basketball hoop**- Multiple uses for this classic favorite. Great for taking a break from the computer or saying some target words before each time you take a shot!
- Insta-Snow Powder**- This amazing substance is like a science experiment and sensory activity all in one! You will use it all winter and never get sick of it. It cleans up easily.



Books and Apps:

- Have your children tell the story page by page with the "Good Dog Carl" book series. "Carl's Christmas" and "Carl's Snowy Afternoon" are particularly perfect for this time of year!
- "The Old Lady" series. She can swallow some snow, a bell, a rose, a chick.... Makes a great gift when given with a puppet.
- "The Wonky Donkey" and puppet for hours of laughter!
- I love the entire "Bug Book" series by David Carter. Your children will love them, too!
- Usborne books has some great books and the "Busy Santa Book" is so fun for the holidays!



Pretend Play:

Playmobile Toys- The Playmobile Advent Calendar is a great gift for kids of all ages and opens up communication around building a scene. Playmobile also has a ton of winter themed play sets such as a ski van, a ski shop, a snowcat, etc. If you are planning on a mountain trip this winter, these are great gifts.

Kids love to open a purse. Why not get them their own. A children's purse (or get one from a second hand store- even better!) with a variety of gadgets inside makes a great gift. Fill it with a pretend phone, hairbrush, makeup brushes, old keys, some jewelry, and pretend money. The ideas are endless!!

Pretend Play- Melissa and Doug now have a great smoothie and coffee shop set that are great for play at all ages. They also have a Charcuterie Board, Breakfast Set, Birthday Cupcakes, and many more. Their toys are timeless and durable.

Pizza Shop- A huge hit always! Pretend pizza shop. You can purchase Velcro pizzas, felt pizza, or simply use play-doh. Shipping boxes make great pizza boxes and you can easily design your own "pizza order forms".

Auto Shop- A few tools, a cardboard box turned into a car, and a piece of wood for a lift. Your child can set up their own Auto Repair Shop. Gadgets for autos can be purchased for very little \$ and kids love playing with things like tire gauges, pumps, and funnels. This makes a especially great gift when given with some matchbox or Hot Wheels cars and some tracks!



For Babies:

- Sweetooth baby teether (teether that smells and is shaped like an ice cream) Made with all safe materials. Check it out at www.babysweettooth.com
- Ark Therapeutic Products make great Sensory Oral Motor Tools!
- Chewelry Necklace- Baby Go Round in Hampton Falls has a beautiful selection of this jewelry that mom's can wear and babies can chew!!
- Baby Mirror
- Massaging teether by Nurtureland
- Oli and Carol make a series of safe mouthing toys that are beautiful.
- The Baby Banana is a tiny baby safe, soft, and flexible toothbrush!
- Yeti Shape Sorter
- Old Fashioned Pop Beads



We say farewell to 2020 and look forward to a year of progress and happiness for all. To add a quote from Buddy the Elf: "I thought maybe we could make gingerbread houses, and eat cookie dough, and go ice skating, and maybe even hold hands!"