

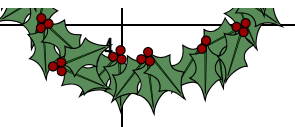







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <i>Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14</i>				 Santa's Visit 10:00-11:00	2	3
					Wear something <b>green</b>	
			 Wrap a present together. Talk about what you do first, next, and last.		Book swap!  Lunch Box Day	
						
  Merry Christmas!						<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>

## Preschoolers & Toddlers

**12/9**  
 Wear something **green**



## Happy Birthday!

12/7 Emma Evans, 4  
 12/9 Jayson Slade, 4  
 12/18 Temperance Beach, 3





## Puzzles: Excellent Christmas Gifts

When your child is occupied with puzzles, basic developmental skills are being strengthened. These three basic skills are the building blocks for a well rounded person.



- **Physical skills - Hand-Eye Coordination and Fine Motor Skills**
- **Cognitive skills - Shape recognition, memory, math and problem solving**
- **Emotional skills - Attentive skills, setting goals, patience, and self esteem**

### **Every child should have access to puzzles at home.**

Make sure puzzles are suited for each child's age and abilities. Two year olds, for example, will enjoy putting in pieces and taking them back out just as much as they will enjoy fitting them into the right spot. Toddlers enjoy three or four-piece wooden puzzles. As they grow and learn to rotate pieces to match holes and find pieces that fit, they can handle increasingly complex puzzles.

Three-year-olds still enjoy puzzles with single knobs on each piece, but they can also work on puzzles with five to eight pieces. Four-year-olds will enjoy knobless puzzles with familiar scenes and characters. They can handle 12 to 18-piece puzzles. Five-year-olds can handle large or small piece 18 to 35 pieces puzzles. They move from the pleasure of the activity to mastering the task.

