P.I. Plug’s Holiday Safety and Activity Guide

Party Ideas

Holiday Safety Tips

Create Your Own Safety Bell

Plus:
Reminders for Families
Use these activities for your class multicultural holiday party. During the party, reinforce the holiday safety tips on the following page.

**Reindeer Cookies**
Students will love making these no-heat treats!

**What You Need:**
- graham crackers
- chocolate frosting
- chocolate chips
- cinnamon red hots
- broken pretzels

**What to Do:**
1. Cut the graham cracker squares diagonally in half. Be careful, they break!
2. Spread a thin layer of frosting on each graham cracker triangle.
3. Decorate with chocolate chip eyes, pretzel antlers, and a red hot nose.

**Mancala**
Mancala is a counting game that has been played in African countries for thousands of years.

**What You Need:**
- egg carton
- 2 paper cups
- 36 paper clips

**What to Do:**
1. Remove the lid of the egg carton.
2. Place one paper cup at each end of the carton.
3. Place three paper clips in each of the 12 egg carton cups.

**How to Play:**
1. Two players sit on opposite sides of the board. The egg carton cups in front of each player are his “houses.” The paper cup to the right of each player is his “store.” The paper clips are the “stones.”
2. The first player picks up all the stones in any of the egg carton cups, or houses, on his side. Moving counterclockwise, he drops one stone in each cup until he runs out. If the player runs into his own store, he drops one stone in it. If he runs into his opponent’s store, he skips it.
3. If the player drops his last stone in his own store, he gets a free turn.
4. If he drops his last stone in an empty egg carton cup, or house, on his own side, he puts that stone in his store along with all the stones in his opponent’s cup directly across from it.
5. The game ends when all six spaces on one side of the board are empty.
6. The player who still has stones on his side of the board when the game ends puts them in his store.
7. The player with the most stones in his store at the end of the game wins!

**Star of David Project**
Students may also choose to create other shapes for this craft project.

**What You Need:**
- craft sticks (6 per star)
- paint, sequins, or other embellishments
- glue
- ribbon to hang

**What to Do:**
1. Each child should decorate six craft sticks.
2. Glue three sticks together to form a triangle. Repeat.
3. Glue the two triangles together to form a Star of David.
4. Attach ribbon to hang.
Share this important information with students. Post the tips in your classroom and help your students have a safe and happy holiday.

**Fire Safety**

- Make sure there are smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area, and inside each bedroom.

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month, and replace batteries at least once a year.

- Know the sound of your smoke alarm and what to do if it goes off.

- Keep anything that can burn—like stockings, gifts, decorations, and Christmas trees—at least three feet from space heaters and other heat sources.

- Choose a fresh, green Christmas tree, and make sure to keep it watered.

- Use nonflammable decorations whenever possible.

- Matches and candles should only be handled by adults.

- An adult should supervise kids in the kitchen and should never leave the kitchen when something is cooking.

**Electrical Safety**

- Never play with electrical decorations, lights, cords, or electrical outlets.

- Keep liquids, including drinks, away from electrical items and decorations. They could spill and cause dangerous shocks or fires.

- Don’t overload an electrical outlet with too many lights, decorations, or appliances.

- Never yank on the cord to unplug something. Hold onto the plug itself.

- Do not leave electrical cords where someone could trip over them.

- Take care not to damage cords by pinching them in windows, doors, or under furniture.

- Always turn off electrical lights and decorations when you leave the house or go to bed.
Ring the Bell for Holiday Safety

Congratulations! You passed the home holiday safety test. Now you’re a safety expert! Fill in the holiday bell below. Display it in your classroom to show what you know.

I Ring the Bell for Safety!

My name is:

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One holiday safety tip I learned is:

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Another holiday safety tip I learned is:

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I learned that holiday safety is important because:

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