



# Talent Development Newsletter

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With the holiday season upon us, I wanted to share a list of gifts ideas I've compiled over the years. Most of these gifts cost very little, but they are gifts that inspire creativity and spark the imagination in children.

## Gifts to Nurture the Whole Child

- Note cards
- Stationary sets
- Postage stamps
- Address labels
- Address book
- Blank postcards or cardstock to make own
- Personalized stationary (made on the computer)
- A diary or journal
- Pen and pencil set
- Maps
- Tickets to a dramatic performance
- A desk set (desk pad, pencil cup, paper clips, stapler, tape, ruler)
- A new desk or chair
- A lap desk
- A portfolio
- Post-it-notes
- A dictionary
- A thesaurus
- An electronic speller
- A magazine subscription
- A bound book with blank or line pages
- A library card and personalized library tote
- A clipboard
- A rhyming dictionary
- Polaroid or inexpensive digital camera
- A tape recorder and blank tapes
- A scrapbook
- A palm pilot/PDA
- A calligraphy set
- Rubber stamps: letters; animals; people
- Dry erase or chalk board
- An easel
- Monthly calendar
- Magnetic poetry kit
- Watercolors or markers for illustrating
- Make a calendar kit
- Puppets/portable puppet stage
- Dolls or figures for role playing
- Costumes or prop box
- Blank puzzles
- A language translator
- Foreign language dictionary
- Sign language flash cards or dictionary
- Paper dolls
- Play money or a cash register
- Lego or building blocks
- Origami book and paper
- A watch or timer
- A model making kit
- Tracing paper and light box
- A balance scale
- **BOOKS, BOOKS, and MORE BOOKS!**
- Othello
- Headache
- Spirograph
- Life
- Skipbo
- Dominoes
- Payday
- Chess
- Stratego
- Backgammon
- Stay Alive
- Perfection
- Mousetrap
- Uno Hearts
- Tri Ominoies
- Kismet
- Checkers
- Masterpiece
- Mastermind
- Trouble
- Simon
- Parcheesi
- 24
- Set
- S'Math
- Indoor Bowling Set
- OY!
- Bingo
- Old Maid
- Go Fish
- Concentration
- Chutes and Ladders
- Candy Land
- Racko

## Games that Reinforce Math

- Uno
- 5 Alive
- Monopoly
- Yahtzee
- Battleship