

Hat/Sock/Mitten Drive

R-LDCC is organizing a collection of mittens, socks and winter hats to support local community efforts to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Many people donate their used clothing, but rarely are socks, hats or mittens included. They're usually kept until they're worn out or lost. You may want to include a purchase of one or more of these items to contribute to our collection. Parents have shared that this collection, like the food drive we had in November, is an ideal method of introducing their children to the concept of caring for others. If you choose to participate, hang



your donations on the clothesline just outside Sue's office door.

Holidays at R-LDCC



We are privileged at R-LDCC to serve families from a wide variety of cultures and backgrounds with equally diverse customs and traditions. In order to be respectful and inclusive of all, we purposely limit recognition, including decorations, to two days, in an attempt to assure that no holiday/culture dominates any others.

Only non-religious aspects of a holiday are presented by the Center, however, parents may introduce beliefs and traditions as their own. IF at any time you would like to share something about your family's holidays, check with the teacher to be sure the activity is developmentally appropriate and has meaning for the children.

Staff Holiday Gift Collection

During the month of December, many people enjoy exchanging gifts, while others may find that deciding on a gift, shopping for it, wrapping it, etc. adds to the stress of an already-busy time of year. The Staff Appreciation Committee would like to take care of one item on your to-do list while showing our appreciation for the staff at Rutgers-Livingston Day Care Center!

If you would like to donate toward holiday gifts for the teachers (including Kathy and Jessica), Sue and Nadine, please leave donations (cash or checks made out to R-LDCC accepted) with Sue or with Amanda Colon (mailbox for Julian and Alex Colon, Duckling and Honeybee) by next Friday, December 16. Of course, your participation is entirely voluntary.



In the past, we have presented the staff with individual gift cards or a group outing to dinner and/or a show. Suggestions are welcome! We'll let you know what was purchased after we total the amount collected.

End-of-Year Charitable Giving

At this time of year, some family members are thinking about charitable contributions. R-LDCC is an exempt organization, eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions; our federal ID number is **23-7416784**. Information on how charitable giving may apply to your situation is available at www.irs.gov. Rest assured, any money received will be put to good use to continue to provide a high-quality early education for your child as well as all the other children!

