“If you can give your child only one gift, let it be enthusiasm.”
- Bruce Barton

Please note: Miss. Amy Foote has declared Monday, 12/23, Pajama Day for SPCCC
Watch for reminders closer to the holidays :D

The Child Care Center will be closed from Tuesday, 12/24/2013 through Wednesday, 1/1/2014. We will reopen again on Thursday, 1/2/2014 for the New Year. Happy holidays one and all!

**WINTER REMINDER:** Please protect your child with a supply of warm clothing: HAT, SCARF, MITTENS (or gloves), SNOWPANTS (or snowsuit), JACKET, and BOOTS. Also, it is a good idea to always have another set of spare clothing (underwear, socks, pants and shirt) in case your child’s clothes become wet or soiled.

**What to do when children talk back ---**

- **Keep your composure:** If your reaction is mild mannered, you will avoid a power struggle. Stay calm and Promise to discuss things later when the child is calm.
- **Determine the cause:** It may not be about you. It could be problems with friends, stress, fatigue or hunger. Try to ask questions to open a bridge to understanding.
- **Explain what’s acceptable:** Sometimes a child will imitate something heard by a friend and not realize it’s inappropriate. Tell the child it’s okay to be tired, angry or want to be alone but not to yell, call names or be mean.
- **Carry out consequences:** Discuss what will happen ahead of time, if the child is disrespectful (i.e. losing privileges, extra chores, an earlier bedtime) and be ready to follow through when necessary.
- **Model expectations:** Children learn from what they witness at home. If they see people mistreat others, they will too.
- **Praise politeness:** “You waited so nicely for your turn to speak” or “You explained how you felt without whining” are positive ways to show a child that you notice his or her efforts and progress.

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**COMING UP AT SPCCC...**

**SUNY Potsdam Child Care Center, Inc.**

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**SPCCC Fundraisers:**
**Saturday, November 30th - 10 am to 3 pm**
* Vendor Show & Bake Sale: Norwood Municipal Bldg., Rte. 56 (Main St.) Now through Monday, December 2nd
* Order Imprinted SPCCC T-Shirts, Sweatshirts and Tote Bags and pick-up on December 20th for Gift Giving 😊

**COME JOIN US...**
**Tuesday, December 10** at 10:00 a.m. SPCCC Preschool Holiday Sing-along in Merritt Hall Gym. Fun and informal for family and friends.

**Wednesday, December 11** at 10:00 a.m. SPCCC Preschool Holiday Sing-along in Raymond Hall Lobby for SUNY Potsdam faculty, staff, and students.