



In the Loop

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Because Mothering Matters

A few days ago, as my son was putting his laundry away, he found a little outfit that had fallen behind the drawer and become stuck. He pulled it out and ran to show me the treasure he had found.

A treasure it was indeed.... The outfit was a tiny sleeper, size 3 months. I admit that I cried.

That tiny sleeper had last been worn by my now very grown-up three year old;

and by the five and eleven year olds before him. How time flies! And how the mommy guilt kicks in!

Did I love them enough when they were small enough to wear that sleeper? Did I give enough kisses? Did I give enough time? Did I take the time to enjoy them and tuck the memories away?

That moment in time turned into a beautiful reminder to enjoy my babies and the time I get to spend with them.

Mothering matters. Enjoy being a mother this week.

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MOPS Writing Contest

Copied from www.mops.org

Please visit the MOPS website to submit your entry!

It's time to turn on your computer and get your typing fingers ready for the 2009 MOPS Moms' Writing Contest. Moms love real, inspiring stories — so why not share yours? This contest is open through 04/30/2009.

Listed below are the topics for the 2009 Moms' Writing Contest. Click on the topic to submit your entry!

Community

MOPS is all about relationships and community. Share a story that exemplifies how MOPS has been a community for you.

Family Fun

Fun family ideas and activities.

Girlfriending

Stories about staying connected and deepening relationships, dealing with changing relationships, positive time and activities with girlfriends, including unusual ideas.

Timeless Truths

Lessons you learned in early motherhood that carry into each season of mothering.

Today we will be watching a video during our presentation time.
HOPE: The Greatest Show on Earth!



Concession Stand



Seven-Layer Magic Cookie Bars (by Eagle Brand)

- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted
- 1 14-ounces can Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 1 cup (6 ounces) butter-scotch- flavored chips
- 1 cup (6 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 1/3 cups flaked coconut
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

1. Preheat oven to 350F (325F if using a glass pan).
2. In a small bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs and butter; mix well. Press the crumb mixture firmly onto the bottom of a 13 by 9 inch baking pan.
3. Pour condensed milk evenly over the crumb mixture.
4. Layer remaining ingredients evenly in the order listed. Press down firmly with a fork.

5. Bake for 25 minutes, or until lightly browned. Let cool. Chill if desired.
6. Cut into bars or diamonds. Store leftovers covered at room temperature.

Makes 24-36 bars

Thanks to Sharon Crawford for the recipe!

If you would like to feature your home business in

MOPportunities, please email celenakeeney@yahoo.com

MOPportunities

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Kiddieland

Moppet Notes

This month our little ones are celebrating life and the good news that Jesus is Alive!

They are imagining how exciting it was for Jesus friends to go to the tomb, see the stone rolled away, and learn that Jesus is alive. They are enjoying resurrection buns with a surprising sweet middle, acting out Jesus' friends excitement from Luke 24:1-12, and singing a song.

The song they are singing today is sung to the tune of "Row, Row, Row your Boat":

- Up** (touch the floor)
- Up** (touch your thighs)
- Up** (touch your shoulders)
- He rose** (wave hands above head)
- Jesus is alive.** (clap, clap, clap)
- Jesus is alive today.** (Wave hands above head)
- Jesus is alive!** (clap, clap, clap)



Reading Corner

Spring (Board book) by Gerda Muller –

This wordless picture book introduces the season to your little ones with colorful pictures of lively things that happen or one might see in the spring. Wordless books offer many opportunities for verbalizing what it is taking place in the pictures and creating or imagining the story that can be told through each illustration.

This author has also made a book for each of the three other seasons.

Lois Lenski also has a series of little books for each season with colorful pictures and simple sentences that tell all about each season.

Spring is a great time to check out the non-fiction section of the children's section at the library as new life is all around creating interest in bugs, plants, and animals. There you will also find great poetry books!

Thanks to Cheri Eastwood for her book reviews!



Announcements:

Thanks to the GREEN D-Group for providing brunch! Next month, May, the ORANGE D-group will provide the food.

Next month is ...

“Invite a Friend”

to our MOPS meeting. If you know any moms or moms-to-be, you may invite them to join you at our May meeting. Please contact Celena at

351-0392 or

celenakeeney@yahoo.com with the names and ages of their children so we may plan accordingly for childcare with MOPPETS. Space may be limited in the nursery; please RSVP!



May 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Salato Wildlife	2
3	4 Mom 's Night Out	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Invite-a- Friend MOPS	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Moppet Brunch	20	21	22	23
24 / 31	25	26	27 Boyd 's Orchard	28	29	30

Special Events

- April 9th (THUR) Step-by-Step Dinner- Service Project. *Thanks to all of the moms who helped with the dinner and to Carla Washnock for coordinating it!*
- April 22nd (WED) 10a-12- Let's meet at Masterson Station Park for a picnic and some games.
- May 1st -(FRI) 10a-Salato Wildlife Refuge-let's meet at the refuge and look at the wildlife. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy afterwards.
- May 4th-(MON) 7p- Mom's Night Out-P.F. Chang's
- May 12th (TUES) Invite-a-Friend to join you at the May MOP's meeting
- May 19th (TUES) MOPPET Brunch- Appreciation brunch for helpers
- May 27th (WED) 10a- Boyd's orchards-lets meet at Boyd's for some playtime and hopefully the strawberries will be ready for pickin'



Special Events Coordinator is Megan Hayden. Please RSVP to her at megan.hayden@qx.net or cell (859) 229-8475, home (859) 254-3357.

MOPS YARD SALE! It is time for spring cleaning in the MOPS craft corner! We will be having a “yard” sale of surplus craft items at our April and May meetings. You won't find better deals anywhere! Pay by cash or check. The money will go back into our MOPS account. Instructions for some of the crafts sold at the sale will be on our website (www.tatescreekmops.org). Crafty or not, be sure to check out our “yard” sale on the tables in the hallway!