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Winter Newsletter 2024

**Newsletter for Niagara County Child Care Providers,
Parents & Child Advocates**

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Mission Statement:

Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. is a countywide agency dedicated to reducing poverty in a collaborative effort by initiating and conducting programs of self-sufficiency. Our ultimate goal is to empower individuals and families to reach their fullest potential.

Office Closings:

- February 19
- March 29

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Help is available to provide support to all child care programs that need assistance with issues that may arise in their child care program. We may also have quality initiative grants to eligible licensed and registered childcare programs.

We're here to help if you have a curriculum which isn't working for you, a disgruntled parent or a screaming child.

We know these are just a sample of the issues you may face as a child care provider. If you would like help with these or any other problems in your child care program, contact:

- ❖ **Kelly Janese for children ages 6 weeks up to 3 years**
- ❖ **Erin Crump for children 3 years through school age**

We will come in to your program to observe and assess. We then will help you by providing technical support, trainings and create a quality improvement plan.

For more information about this service available to you, contact:

- ❖ **Kelly** **716-285-8572 ext. 104**
- ❖ **Erin** **716-285-8572 ext. 115**



Our referral counselor, Elizabeth, will be working with parents who need assistance in locating a registered or licensed child care program. In addition, she will work with providers to ensure that all information regarding child care vacancies is up to date in the referral database.

If you receive a *Provider Update Form* from us, please complete and return it as soon as possible. As you may know, available child care slots are few and, in some areas, non-existent. If you have openings, please keep our office informed. A voice message which is available for calls after hours or e-mail is sufficient.

Contact Elizabeth at: **716-285-8572 ext. 109** or send an email to ccrniagara@niagaracap.org



Product Recalls

Name of Product:

HEAO 4-in-1 High Chairs

Hazard: The high chairs pose a suffocation risk because they were marketed, intended, or designed for infant sleep, and they have an incline angle greater than 10 degrees in violation of the CPSC's Infant Sleep Products Rule and the Safe Sleep for Babies Act. In addition, the high chairs pose finger laceration and entrapment hazards as they failed to meet mandatory requirements under the high chair standard.

Remedy: Refund

Recall Date: December 21, 2023

Units: About 820



Name of Product:

UBBCARE Play Yard Mattresses

Hazard:

The recalled play yard mattresses violate multiple provisions of the federal safety regulation for crib mattresses, including the thickness test, and are missing warnings and labels. The product poses a suffocation hazard to infants.

Remedy: Refund

Recall Date: January 04, 2024

Units: About 1,000



Name of Product:

Litti City Premier Doctor Playset and Teacher Purse Set, Litti Pritti Stylist Handbag Set, and Pretext Slime Eggs

Hazard:

All the dress-up playsets and the slime eggs contain levels of certain phthalates that exceed the federal phthalate standard. In addition, the Litti City teacher purse dress-up playset, the Litti Pritti handbag playset, and the slime eggs contain levels of lead that exceed the federal lead content ban. Lead and phthalates are toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects.

Remedy: Refund

Recall Date: December 21, 2023

Units: About 205,000



Name of Product:

Yaomiao Children's Rhinestone Silver Tiaras

Hazard:

The rhinestones embedded in the recalled tiaras contain levels of lead that exceed the federal lead content ban. Lead is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects.

Remedy: Refund

Recall Date: January 25, 2024

Units: About 12,440

Celebrate the YEAR OF THE DRAGON on February 10, 2024!

Chinese New Year 2024 is a Year of the Dragon starting from February 10th, 2024, and lasting until January 28th, 2025.

The Year of the Dragon symbolizes honor and success in the Chinese zodiac. It's a time for families to get together, wear new clothes, eat good food, and celebrate new beginnings.



Food is an important part of Chinese New Year celebrations. Dishes like spring rolls, noodles and dumplings are delicious to eat any time of year. But, did you know that they're served during Chinese New Year because they have specific meanings and are thought to bring good fortune?

Gifts of money: Grown-ups give what is known as 'lucky money' or 'New Year's money' in red envelopes (also known as red packets) to children to pass on good fortune and blessings. Children also give red envelopes to their elders as a show of gratitude and a wish for longevity. When giving lucky money, it's important that the notes are new and crisp. Make your own red envelope with the template on the next page!



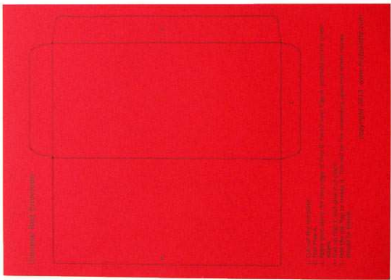


Make a Chinese Red Envelope!

During the Chinese New Year, children are traditionally given money gifts placed in red envelopes. Craft your own red envelope decorated with Chinese characters for luck and happiness.

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Red letter size paper
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- White glue
- Gold glitter or glitter glue



Print out the red envelope template on red letter size cardstock.



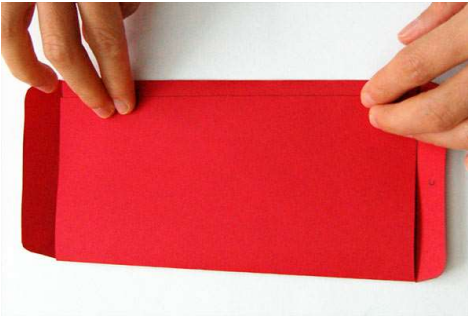
Cut out the template, then fold along the four inside lines. Unfold.



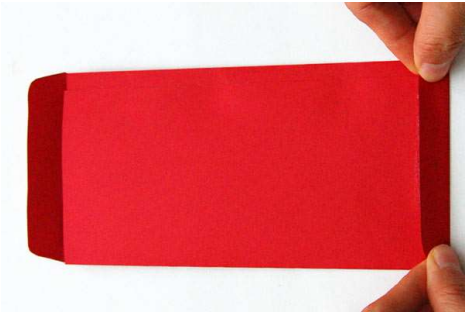
With the creases in place, you are now ready to glue the flaps together to form an envelope. First, fold flap A towards the center.



Next, apply glue along the long edge of Flap B.



Bring Flap B towards the folded Flap A. Press on the glued edge to join the two flaps together.



Fold Flap C and glue it in place. Leave the top flap open. This is where the money should be put into the envelope.



Decorate the back of the envelope with Chinese characters for happiness, luck, or the zodiac animal of the year.

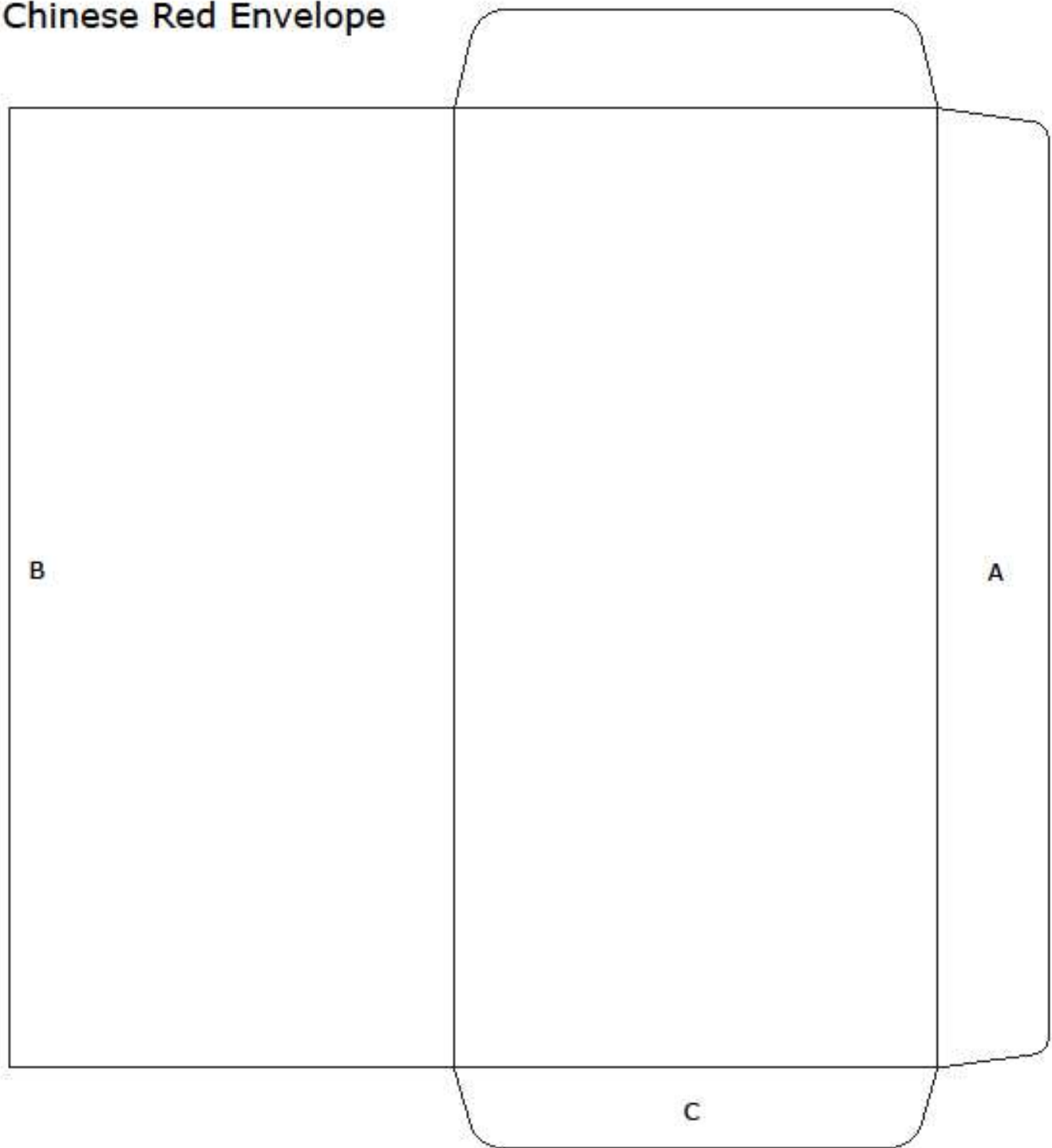
Kids can use gold or black crayon or markers to write. Older kids can use undiluted gold acrylic paint, glitter glue, or a combination of white glue and gold glitter. An initial light pencil sketch of the symbol can be done before using the final material for writing.



For this tutorial, we used white glue to write the symbols and sprinkled over with gold glitter. We waited overnight for the white glue to dry completely before shaking off the excess glitter.



Chinese Red Envelope



1. Print out on red A4 or Letter size paper.
2. Cut out the template.
3. Fold along the inside lines. Unfold.
4. Fold Flap A.
5. Apply glue along the long edge of Flap B. Bring it towards Flap A. Press on the glued edges to join the two flaps together.
5. Fold up Flap C and glue it in place.
6. Leave the top flap open. This will be the envelope's open end where money is placed.