

Tūtū and Me Goes National...

Earlier this year, the YMCA of USA contacted Partners in Development Foundation (PIDF) to express an interest in learning more about Tūtū and Me -- in the hopes of offering a program like ours to support children and families throughout our nation. We are very honored to announce that representatives from the YMCA of USA recently came to Hawai'i to be trained in our Tūtū and Me model, and beginning as early as January of 2012, Tūtū and Me will be touching lives nationwide in various YMCAs throughout our country! (The name of this YMCA-PIDF partnership program has not yet been finalized, but it is in the works). We are so grateful to have such an honor. Mahalo Ke Akua!

Thank you for your faithful support and commitment to our program throughout the years. On behalf of our staff at Tūtū and Me Traveling Preschool and Partners and Development Foundation, we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Joyful New Year!

"...if you put others first, your heart will be glad."
~Tūtū Pāpa'i

Me ke aloha pumehana,
Tūtū and Me Traveling Preschool / Partners in Development Foundation

Family Fun: Christmas Fern Trees

Supplies:

- Card stock or construction paper
- Fern tips, cut to the size of your card, gift tag, or ornament
- Glue
- Sequins or other material to decorate

Assembly:

Cut cardstock to desired size and shape for cards, gift tags, or ornaments. Glue the back of the fern, and place on cardstock. Apply sequins or other material to decorate. Let dry for a few hours.



CSEFEL Tip of the Month

Center for the Social Emotional Foundations for Early Learning

Prepare Your Child For What Comes Next

During the holiday season, children may feel overwhelmed by the crowds of people, activities, and number of errands you have to do. Explaining "what comes next," and adding a bit of fun helps to prepare your child for what comes next. Example: "First we're going to the mall, then we'll go to Grandma's house for lunch. When we're at the mall, let's count the people who are wearing hats."

Holiday Traditions

From our staff at Tūtū and Me

- Once a week before Christmas, we light a candle and read a passage from scripture about Jesus' birth and sing a Christmas carol together.
- Setting up the Nativity scene. One year we painted all the figures together. We still laugh over the cow with "mange!"
- In the past few years, my kids and I have been hunting for the perfect "Charlie Brown" Christmas tree!
- Holidays are always spent with close family & friends, with food, games, & reminiscing about the "good old days."

Cooking with Keiki: Crock Pot Fudge Cake

Ingredients:

4-oz. pkg. chocolate cake mix
3.9-oz. pkg. instant chocolate pudding mix
16-oz. container sour cream
3/4 cup oil
4 eggs
1 cup water
6-oz. pkg. semi-sweet chocolate chips

Directions:

Beat first 6 ingredients at low speed with an electric mixer 30 seconds or until blended. Beat at medium speed 2 minutes. Stir in chocolate chips. Pour into a lightly greased 4-quart slow cooker.

Cover and cook on low setting 4 hours or until set around the edges but still soft in the center. Turn off slow cooker and let stand 20 to 30 minutes; do not lift lid until ready to serve.

