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This month, you'll find the ***hottest holiday toys, holiday bargains, recipes and tips on how to shop safely on line.***

Are you ready for the holidays? It seems that the months are flying by and now we're approaching Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. For children, the holidays can never come too soon. My six year old son gave me his Christmas list the day after Halloween! Whether you're 8 or 80, everyone loves to get gifts, but some of us hate to shop for gifts. If you don't get an adrenaline rush from getting to the stores as soon as the doors open and fighting 50 moms and dads for the last Incredibles action figure or Talking Sponge Bob Squarepants, check out the bargains we have to show you. If you're looking for something in particular, drop me an email and I'll try to find it for you.
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If you plan to shop on line, here are some tips for shopping safely:

Make sure the website you are visiting has a secure browser, such as a secure socket layer (SSL). Never disclose personal information such as your SS# or driver's license number. Be sure to check out the site's Privacy Policy. Shop on line with companies with whom you are familiar. Print out and keep all your receipts. For a FREE ebook: *Shop & Save Safely On line*, go to Learning with Success.com.

Enjoy the holidays and look for **BIG** things from *Successful Child* in 2005!

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- **Hottest Holiday Toys for 2004**
- **Holiday Savings from Target, Wal-Mart, Overstock & More**
- **Holiday Recipes**
- **Gifts for Teachers**
- **Give a Gift to a Child in Need**

Hottest Holiday Toys for 2004

Boys and girls, everything old is new again. Making a comeback this year are **Cabbage Patch dolls, Ms. Pac and Elmo**. Technology is hot! Before you know it, your five year old will be designing websites :-)

So what are the hottest and most popular toys on your child's list this year? According to *Toy Wishes Magazine* and Toy Industry Association, the following toys are a must have for kids in 2004:

- **Yu Gi Oh Cards**
- **Cabbage Patch Dolls**
- **Leapster**
- **Aqua Doodle**
- **VTechV. Smile TV Learning System**
- **InteracTV**
- **Power Rangers Dino Thunder**
- **Bratz Tokyo-a-Go-Go Dance and Skate Club**
- **Bella Dancerella Home Ballet Studio**
- **Barbie as Princess Abbeliese and Erika**
- **Dancing Elmo**-You used to tickle him, now he's dancing.
- **Video Now (In Color)**-Last year it was in black and white, this year it's in color.
- **Nitro Battlerz**
- **Tamagotchi Connection**
- **Cranium Turbo Edition**

HOT Holiday Gift Ideas for Teens

While your older children might be too cool for Santa, they are definitely not too cool for gifts. When it comes to teens, it's best to ask them what they want for the holidays to avoid any disappointments. If you'd like to surprise them, quiz them on what's popular in music and technology. Here are some gift ideas:

- **I Pod Mini**-Small, but powerful. Packs a load of music.
- **Software- The Sims Deluxe Edition or Roller Coaster Tycoon 2 Time Twister Expansion Pack**
- **Ms. Pac Man TV Games**-Just plug and your back to an arcade in the 1980's.
- **Video Games: Shrek 2, EA Sports Big, SSX3 NCAABackyard Baseball 2005 (PlayStation2)**-Fall 2004 Parent's Choice Award Winners
- **Books: Gifts** by Ursula K. LeGuin, *Saving Francesca* by Melina Marchetta, *Bringing Up Parents: The Teenagers Handbook* by Alex J. Packer
- **MAGIX Music Maker 2004 Deluxe**-For your aspiring music producer
- **Music-Hot CDs**-Nelly, Destiny's Child, Hillary Duff, Usher, Avril Lavigne
- **Digital Cameras**-Compare Models and Prices at Shopping.com, Bizrate.com, Activator.com
- **Cell Phones**-Look for a family plan
- When all else fails, get an American Express Gift Card.

You can find the above items and more at the following on line stores:

Amazon/ToysRUs.com-3 Day Sale and Free Shipping on orders \$49.00 & up.

Wal-Mart.com USA, LLC

Target



etoys.com (eToys Direct, Inc.)

Recalled Toys- Know before you buy.

Holiday Toys for Special Needs Children

You can find toys and enabling devices for your child: Answers 4 Families.

Can't find something, email me at smartbeecoach@writeme.com and I'll try to find it for you. No charge!

Now that you know what the hottest toys are, how will you go about getting them? If you want to avoid lines, traffic, and parking situations, shop on line! Here are some on line offers you can resist!

Nickelodeon.com-You saw the SpogneBob movie, now your child can't get enough of him. Make a splash this holiday season by getting his/her favorite Nickelodeon toys, DVDs, and more! And with a 20% savings or free shipping, who wouldn't love the little yellow, square guy?

Exclusive Affiliate Only Sale

20% OFF All Holiday Products

Target.com-Who doesn't love Target? You'll love them even more with free shipping or a \$10.00 gift card for select purchases. Shop for everyone at Target.

Free Shipping on over 1,000 of the season's best Toys at Target.com



Buy.com-All your shopping needs on line!



Smart Bargains.com-Savvy shoppers know where to get Prada, Kenneth Cole, and other name brand items for a fraction of the price. Would \$5.00 any order over \$60.00 and 60% off toys make your day?

[60% off Holiday toys](#)
[\\$5 off any orders over \\$60](#)

One Step Ahead and Leaps and Bounds-All your baby and kid's needs!

[Free Ground Shipping on orders \\$75+](#)

Discovery Store-For your little genius!

Hot Items: Whodunit? Forensics Lab & Discovery DNA Explorer Lab!!!

[12 Deals of Christmas Link](#)

[Exclusive Toys \\$15 off \\$75 Promotion](#)

Overstock.com-Where else can you get great name brand items for less? With an extra 10% savings, you'll be coming back for more bargains.



[Holiday warehouse clearance - everything must go! Save 40% - 80%](#)



Kimmy Shop- Incredible savings off *The Incredibles*-Loved the movie!! You'll also find Barbie, Shrek, Spider Man, Boobah, Nemo and much more!

Save up to 25% off selected Incredibles items...

Delicious Holiday Recipes

Apple Stuffing

- *1/4 Cup Chopped Onions*
- *1/4 Cup Chopped Celery*
- *2 Tablespoons of Margarine*
- *4 Cups Dry Bread Cubes*
- *1/2 Teaspoon Poultry Seasoning*
- *1/2 Teaspoon Dried Sage*
- *1 Cup Unpeeled Granny Smith, Rome Beauty or Crispin apples*
- *1/4 Teaspoon of Ground Pepper*
- *1/2 Cup Chicken Broth*

In a large saucepan, cook onions and celery in margarine until tender. Combine celery and onions with all other dry ingredients. Stir well. Add chicken broth and toss ingredients. Use stuffing fro 10-12 pound turkey.

Chocolate Christmas Truffles

- *1/2 Cup Whipping Cream*
- *1/4 Cup Irish Cream Liqueur*
- *2 Tablespoons Coffee Liqueur*
- *1-1/2 Teaspoons Instant Coffee Crystals*
- *1 (12 ounce) package semi sweet chocolate pieces*
- *1/4 Cup Butter*
- *1/2 Cup Sifted Cocoa Powder*

In a bowl, mix whipping cream, Irish cream liqueur and coffee liqueur. Stir in the instant coffee crystals. Set mixture aside.

In a heavy saucepan, melt chocolate and butter over low heat. Remove from heat and gradually stir in cream mixture until well blended.

Transfer to a bowl and cover tightly. Chill in refrigerator about two hours or until completely cool and smooth. Stir occasionally.

Shape tablespoons of candy into balls. Roll each candy ball into cocoa powder. Place on waxed paper lined baking sheet. Chill until firm.

Store tightly covered in refrigerator for up to 2 weeks.

Enjoy!

If you enjoy cooking for the holidays, check out these [Holiday Recipes](#).

Gifts for Teachers

Don't forget your child's teachers and caregivers this holiday!!

- [Best Teachers Gifts](#)
- [Overstock.com Gifts & Flowers](#)
- [Personalized Teacher Gifts](#) Give a personalized gift! save \$5.00 on any orders over \$40.00. Coupon Code: **9949KB**. Enter at coupon code at checkout.

Give a Gift to a Child in Need

Teach your child the importance of giving and sharing! Ask you child to donate a small portion of their allowance or savings to buy a new toy for a child in need. Have your child pick out a new toy to donate to a local church or organization. You can also donate toys online at [Toys for Tots.org](#)

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