







1. The Hanen Centre Preschool Language & Literacy Calendar

A hands-on calendar that lets parents incorporate simple techniques into their daily work and play routines to ensure their kids are prepared to enter school. Included is a pullout calendar that outlines everything a child needs to be prepared to enter school and how parents can deliver it. Best suited for parents with children ages one to five. Available to purchase at hanen.org.

2. Pengoloo – The Fun South Pole Eggspedition! The great egg finding memory game. The penguins are ready to play with you. Roll two-colored dice and lift two wooden penguins to find the matching hidden eggs. Be the first to collect six penguins with their eggs on your iceberg to win. For more information visit blueorangegames.com. Available at local retailers.



## 3. Teach My Toddler

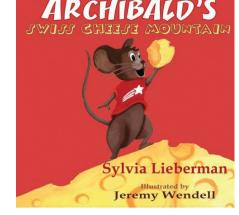
An award-winning, all-in-one learning system for toddlers. The toddler tote has 17 teaching tools to help toddlers master the basics: alphabet, numbers, shapes and colors. Each section is fully-coordinated with a total of 5 puzzles, 4 board books, 4 posters and 4 sets of flashcards, all in one handy carrying case. Suitable for 18 months+. For more information visit teach-my.com. Available to purchase at Gracie & Gruff.

#### 4. Kidde® Battery Operated Carbon Monoxide/ Smoke Combo Alarm

Includes a voice warning system that audibly states fire, carbon monoxide and low battery, among other warnings. Also features a 'smart hush activation' function allowing users to override the alarm when anticipating smoke from known sources. Because it's battery operated, even if the power goes out, the user is protected. Available to purchase at cableorganizer.com.



Hole in One



FIND A REASON TO SHOP MORE STORES THAN ANY OTHER MALL IN CALGARY



You made it through Christmas in one piece with a happy family in tow. Nice job. You deserve a New Year's reward, and Market Mall is just the place to find it. Soothe your stress with a butter-soft leather handbag from Via Uno or a candy-coloured iPod from the Apple store. Celebrate your stamina with a Tension Relief Massage from Eveline Charles. Bring the whole family. Our newly expanded Kids at Play area is great for frostbite-free fun. 2009 has arrived, and it's a good year for shopping. We'll see you at the mall.



#### FOR YOUNG READERS...

**Archibald's Swiss Cheese Mountain** by Author Sylvia Lieberman: It's the story of a cute mouse getting his first taste of independence as Momma Mouse allows him to venture out of their mouse hole and into a grocery store to forage for food. For more information visit archibaldmousebooks.com.

**Cheese Please, Chimpanzees: Fun with Spelling** by Author Tracy Traynor: This fun and educational book invites children to playfully explore and understand the often confusing range of spellings for words with similar sounds. This book features wild, witty sentences with combinations of words with the same sound but different spellings. To purchase, visit milet.com or ipgbook.com.

**Chinese with Lùlu and Maomao** by Author Licheng Gu: This book is a lively and accessible introduction to Chinese for children to use at home or in the classroom. With the charming characters, children learn how to speak in Chinese about various topics. To purchase, visit milet.com or ipgbook.com.

Hole in One: A Tale from the Iris the Dragon Series by Author Gayle Grass: This series of books deals with the topic of mental health through the use of a character called Iris the Dragon. Iris the Dragon Inc. has been successful with its books in beginning a dialogue with children about what often can be a difficult topic. To purchase, visit iristhedragon.com.

**The Naming Book of Rascally Rhymes** by Author Jordan Troutt: This book is an alphabetically ordered list of common names with whimsical descriptions of each child. These playful and lively rhymes will appeal to children and adults alike. Each poem is clever, silly and a delight to read.



### **DVDs and CDs**

**Soccer Mom (DVD):** When a famous retired soccer star Lorenzo agrees to coach Becca's floundering team, no one is more excited than Becca. When her mother, Wendy, causes an accident that leaves the soccer star in the hospital, she decides to masquerade as Lorenzo and coach Becca's team herself! Hilarity ensues as Wendy must keep up her charade!

# PARENTING AND REFERENCE BOOKS

**300 Sensational Soups** by Authors Carla Snyder and Meredith Deeds: Soup is not just another dish. Nothing makes a house feel and taste more like home than a pot of freshly made soup. Most recipes in this book can be made from common home pantry and refrigerator items, making soup the perfect solution. To purchase visit lisaekus.com.

Getting Ready for Baby – A Practical Five-Step Guide to Help You Prepare for Labour, Birth and Life as a Family by Local Author Dr. Melanie Beingessner: This book helps you to organize your pregnancy into five manageable sections. Enjoy a healthier pregnancy, be better prepared to become a mother and organize yourself and your home to enjoy a smooth transition to family life. To purchase, visit heartlightspublishing.com. For more information, visit drmelaniebee.org.

**Simple Sewing for Baby: 24 Easy Projects for Newborns to Toddlers** by Author Lotta Jansdotter: Beloved Designer Lotta shows how easy it is to make cheerful gifts for little cherubs. She's created 24 projects that match her simple style with practicality, resulting in sweet, yet durable essentials for any rumble-tumble baby. To purchase visit jansdotter.com.

**Step Parenting and the Blended Family – Recognizing the Problems and Overcoming the Obstacles** by Local Author Dr. Scott Wooding: Starting with the breakup itself, and after outlining the pitfalls and hurdles surrounding the love which most adults assume will lead to new found happiness, Dr. Wooding presents a comprehensive roadmap, a one step-at-a-time guide to successful remarriage for parents and children alike.



Just Imagine!

• NO MORE DAYCARE

BE YOUR OWN BOSS
WORK FROM HOME 2-3 HOURS PER DAY AND
EARN MORE THAN WORKING FULL TIME

MEET OTHER MOMS AND HAVE FUN AS YOU BUILD YOUR BUSINESS

FULL COACHING PROVIDED

BEST BETS