

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS for Homeless Children

Help out a homeless toddler, child, or teenager by donating at least one new, small toy/gift which would fit in a Christmas stocking. These pocket-size items will fill stockings made by US Coast Guard families, and they are then given to homeless children living in shelters or on the street this Christmas. (Learn more about the Coast Guard's "Christmas Stockings for Homeless Children" project here: <http://www.holidaystockings.org/>.) During this weeklong service project - from Dec. 4 through Dec. 11 - we encourage school families to go shopping and buy one or more toys/gifts - noting that every item should be small enough to fit in a pocket. Here are some suggestions:

For Infants and Toddlers:

- Baby rattle or teething toy
- Small stuffed animal (safe for infants)
- Small chunky book
- Fat crayons

For Elementary School Age:

- 24 pack of Crayons
- Sidewalk chalk
- Yo-Yo
- Flashcards or game cards like Old Maid or Go Fish
- Activity book or coloring book
- Playdough can
- 3" bouncy ball
- Ready-to-read paperback books
- Small stuffed animal (Beanie Baby size)

For Teen Age Youth:

- Fancy/fun writing pen or highlighter
- Jewelry-making bead kit
- Playing cards
- Hacky-Sac ball
- Activity books such as Sudoku, Crossword, etc.
- Small stuffed animal (Beanie Baby size)

For Street Youth:

- Warm gloves
- Wallet



Thank you for bringing to your homeroom between now and **Friday, December 11, your donated, **pocket-size** toy/gift - **new** and **unwrapped**.**