

Toys for tots needed soon

Detroit's Marine Corps Reserve Battalion in co-operation with Realty World are collecting new unwrapped toys through Dec. 23 for the annual "Toys for Tots" program.

Along with the 25 Marine recruiting offices in the metropolitan area, more than 100 Realty World offices are accepting the toys to be distributed to needy children in the area in the 32nd year of the annual drive.

Area offices collecting toys in Oakland County are Realty World regional headquarters, 30400 Telegraph, Birmingham; Homer, Inc., 27252 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village; Top of Troy, 755 W. Beaver Road, Troy; E.R. Berrey, 6780 Rochester Road, Troy; Edwards & Associates, 33110 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills; and the Heritage Group, 945 S. Rochester Road, Rochester.

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Cracking family relations

Would you describe family living as something akin to walking on eggshells? If so, this project is for you.

To help your children sort out feelings toward siblings, parents and other relatives, give them an opportunity to think and talk about them. Aid your children in coming to terms with their relative place in the family, and encourage them to recognize the individuality of their various family members.

All this with a leftover eggshell!

THE NEXT TIME you use raw eggs in cooking, try to crack them near the top so that most of the shell is left intact.

Rinse them out carefully and save them in the carton until there are several collected (at least one per family member).

Using felt tip markers, allow your child to decorate the outside of the egg to resemble someone in the family. You can assist them in visualizing the

physical attributes as well as capturing the personalities of those who share their young lives.

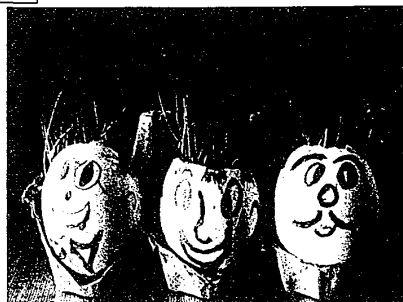
Some discussion about appearance and habits will help your child begin to see aspects of the other person, as well as understand some parts of himself better.

Try to encourage image making — to place some identifying facet of the family member, some portion of their life or appearance that is memorable, like a caricature.

VERY YOUNG children may only be able to draw a few squiggly lines. What is important for them is talking and thinking about their family. You can be sure that your children will know which egg represents which person.

Fill each eggshell three-fourths with dirt, then sprinkle grass seed on top of the dirt. Water sparingly but frequently. In three or four days, your eggshell family will sprout hair!

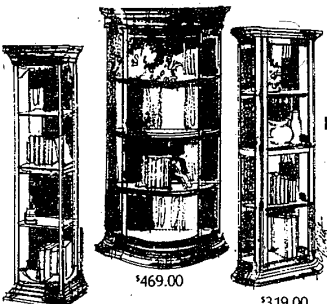
Does that make you an egghead?



Eggheads resemble real people. (Photo by Pat Bordman)

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