

KID-TESTED IN SANATOGA: GODDARD PICKS TOP 10 TOYS

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SANATOGA PA – Goddard Schools across the country, including the pre-school child care franchise owned by Ed and Maria Shaw on East High Street in Sanatoga, say that animals, blocks, balls and board games rank among their top 10 choices this year for safe, engaging and age-appropriate holiday gifts that encourage kids to learn.

Children and Goddard School teachers nationwide were the prime testers in the schools' tests of toys designed exclusively for children in the pre-school age range of infants through 6 years old. Their results, announced last week (Oct. 19, 2011) in alphabetical order, are:

- Animal Sounds Hay Ride (manufacturer: Learning Curve);
- Bristle Block Stackadoos (B. Toys by Battat);
- Citiblocs Camouflage 100 Piece Set (CitiBlocs);
- Citiblocs Little Builders Rattle Blocs (CitiBlocs);
- Count Your Chickens! board game (Peaceable Kingdom);
- Elemenosqueeze (B. Toys by Battat);
- Hoot Owl Hoot! board game (Peaceable Kingdom);
- Little Shopper Playset (Earlyyears);
- Sassy Sensory Ball Set (Sassy); and
- Soft Chime Garden (Lamaze).

All the games named met Goddard's criteria for an interactive and child-initiated play focus; creative, social or engaging; and age-appropriateness. "We feel our Top 10 toys list will serve as a great resource for parents, grandparents and other family members as they enter the gift-giving season," Ed Shaw said.



The Animal Sounds Hayride by Learning Curve make Goddard's list of Top 10 toys