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## Holiday Sugar Plums That Dance On Your Taste Buds

These Holiday Sugar Plums are made with ruby-red Maraschino cherries.

(NAPSA)-The more the merrier when it comes to holiday treats. And holiday sugar plums are no exception. These traditional treats are made with festive and fun Maraschino cherries.

Whether you are hosting a party or giving gifts to neighbors, these sugar plums are full of holiday cheer. And because they are so simple, the kids will have a ball helping you make them.

### Holiday Sugar Plums

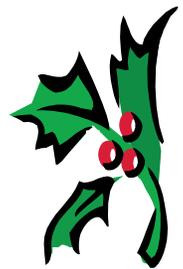
- 1 cup butter or margarine
  - 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
  - 1 1/2 tsp vanilla
  - 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1/4 cup quick rolled oats (optional)
  - 1/4 tsp. salt
  - 1/2 cup finely chopped pecans
  - 48 Maraschino cherries (about one 16-oz. jar)
- Confectioners' sugar for finishing

Drain Maraschino cherries thoroughly on paper towels and set aside. Put butter and 1 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar in a large mixing bowl. Beat with an electric mixer on medium speed three to four

minutes, or until well mixed. Stir in vanilla. Add flour, oats and salt; mix well. Stir in pecans.

Shape about 2 teaspoons dough around each cherry. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet about one inch apart. Bake in a preheated 350°F. oven for 12 to 15 minutes, or until set but not brown. Roll in confectioners' sugar while still warm. Cool.

For a fun presentation, use cherries with stems. Remove stems, bake as directed and then insert stems in cookies while they are still warm but after rolling in sugar. Makes 4 dozen.



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Bible Study

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Summerwood Community Center

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## Kids 'R' Kids

Kids 'R' Kids of Fall Creek, a childcare facility in Humble Texas, received the Award for Excellence for 2006 from the Better Business Bureau on May 3rd. Kids 'R' Kids of Fall Creek is the first childcare facility in Houston to ever receive this award.

The BBB Award for Excellence recognizes member businesses that maintain a superior commitment to ethics, overall excellence, and quality in the workplace. Customer service and satisfaction is the primary basis for determining the recipients of this award.

Kids 'R' Kids of Fall Creek is a two-story state-of-the-art childcare facility, which prides itself on providing the best care and education for young children. Kids 'R' Kids cares for children ages six weeks through twelve years, offering internet camera access, four outdoor play areas, classroom computers, a library, Nationally recognized curriculum, a water park – (no standing water) and much more.

At Kids 'R' Kids of Fall Creek, our teachers are professional, experienced and trained in early childhood development. Some of our teachers have Child Development Associates in either infant and toddler care or preschool care.

As owner of Kids 'R' Kids of Fall Creek, James Cate believes first and foremost that children should always be "Hugged First ~ Then Taught". Learning should be a happy and rewarding experience for children!

Kids 'R' Kids of Fall Creek's foundation is built upon partnerships between parents and teachers. This mutual relationship offers a strong educational foundation and optimal care for every child. James believes in being supportive of the parents, and welcomes their positive involvement and presence at Kids 'R' Kids at all times. This is why James has put in place an "open door" policy, parents are welcome to visit the school at any time.

Although Kids 'R' Kids of Fall Creek has built a reputation for providing excellence in care and customer service. Being recognized with the BBB Award for Excellence has great meaning to James Cate, the management of the school, and to all the teachers who have made their career in the early childhood field.



Tracy Montgomery



# Between FRIENDS

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### Fiber & Water Are a Dynamic Duo

Fiber is an important part of a healthy diet, and adults should get a least the minimum recommended amount of 20-35 grams of dietary fiber per day. The average American only eats about 15 grams of fiber per day. A variety of studies support the role of fiber in reducing heart disease risk and cholesterol levels, taming high blood pressure, preventing or controlling diabetes and weight gain, plus gastrointestinal ailments. The best sources of fiber are fresh fruits and vegetables, nuts and legumes, and whole-grain foods.

Team your fiber with plenty of water to aid in its passage. The Institute of Medicine's Food and Nutrition Board recommends that women generally need to consume 91 ounces of water each day from beverages and foods, while men generally need to consume 125 ounces each day. People typically obtain about 80 percent of their water from beverages (including beverages that contain caffeine) and 20 percent of their water from foods. To increase fiber in your diet:

- Instead of drinking fruit juices, eat whole fruit with the skin.
- Replace white rice, bread, and pasta with brown rice and whole-grain products.
- Choose whole-grain cereals for breakfast.
- Snack on raw vegetables instead of chips, crackers, or candy.
- Substitute legumes for meat two to three times per week in chili and soups.
- Experiment with international dishes that use whole grains and legumes as part of the main meal (as in Indian dahls) or in salads (for example, Middle Eastern tabouleh).

## Household Tips

### Set a Shiny Table

Save some elbow grease and have your sterling and plated silver tableware glow with this environmentally friendly cleaning method.



- Wash the silverware with soap and water to remove any grease.
- Place a sheet of aluminum foil in the bottom of a large pot.
- Add tableware – making sure it touches the foil. Fill the pot with enough water to cover the item(s).
- Bring water to a boil; add one to two tablespoons of baking soda (depending on how much water is in the pot) and one teaspoon of salt.
- Turn the heat down and simmer for about three minutes. When the silverware is clean, lift it out using stainless steel tongs.
- Rinse under the tap and dry with a clean cloth. For stubborn stains in designs, rub in some toothpaste using an old, soft bristled toothbrush. Rinse and dry.

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16—HOUSTON: Houston Children's Chorus 18th Annual Christmas Concert Stude Concert Hall, Rice University. [www.houstonchildren.org](http://www.houstonchildren.org) 713/650-3800

16—SAN BENITO: Arts & Crafts and Pancake Breakfast Begins at 8 a.m. Fun 'N Sun RV Resort. 956/399-5800

16—VICTORIA: Market Days Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. DeLeon Plaza in Downtown Victoria. [www.victoriatx.org](http://www.victoriatx.org) 361/485-3200

16-17—PORT NECHES: Trade Days on the Avenue 409/722-4023

16, 23—HARLINGEN: Northland Country Band Hours are 7 to 10 p.m. Tropic Winds RV Resort. 956/423-4020

17—BEAUMONT: Have Yourself a Rockin' Little Christmas Symphony of Southeast Texas presents Holiday Pops at 2 p.m. Jefferson Theatre. [www.sost.org](http://www.sost.org) 409/892-2257

17-18—HARLINGEN: A Christmas Musical First Baptist Church, 501 E. Van Buren. 956/423-0470

20—SAN BENITO: Dance with the Crusers Begins at 7:30 p.m. Fun 'N Sun RV Resort. 956/399-5800

21—HARLINGEN: The Texas Piano Man Show Hours are 7 to 10 p.m. Tropic Winds RV Resort. 956/423-4020

23—EDNA: Campfire Carols Hours are 6 to 8 p.m. Lake Texana State Park. 361/782-5718

24—HARLINGEN: Folkways Oral history program is from 1 to 4 p.m. Harlingen Arts & Heritage Museum. 956/216-4901

27—SAN BENITO: Iowa Country Operty Begins at 7 p.m. Fun 'N Sun RV Resort. 956/399-5800

30—HARLINGEN: Ronnie Furr Band Tropic Winds RV Resort. 956/423-4020

31—BAYTOWN: Murder Me Always Baytown Little Theater. 281/424-7617

31—BEAUMONT: Crockett Street New Year's Eve Extravaganza Enjoy live music, laser light show and street party festivities. Crockett Street. [www.crockettstreet.com](http://www.crockettstreet.com) 409/832-2944

31—SAN BENITO: New Year's Dance with Texas Country Band Fun 'N Sun RV Resort, 1400 Zillock Road. 956/399-5800

31—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: New Year's Eve Fireworks Bayside between Marlin and Red Snapper streets. [www.sopadre.com](http://www.sopadre.com) 800/767-2373

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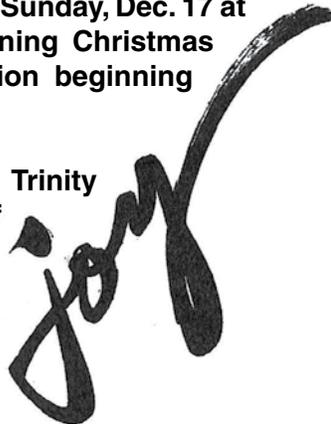
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**Worship is at 10:30am every Sunday. Children's Church is also available.**

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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>AVG \$/Sq Ft</b>	<b>78.84</b>	<b>78.89</b>	<b>81.95</b>	<b>81.70</b>	<b>82.15</b>	<b>83.25</b>
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