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**December at Imagine It!
Features Curious George Exhibit,
Meet the Holidays Programming, and Dr. of Fun Science Workshops**

ATLANTA, November 9, 2009 – Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta offers children unique, hands-on learning opportunities and sparks imagination through the power of play. Below is a schedule of feature exhibit information and special programming taking place at Imagine It! in December.

Feature Exhibit

Curious George™: Let's Get Curious!

Now through January 24, 2010

With curiosity and inquiry as their guides, children explore familiar buildings and locales from the Curious George books and television series on PBS KIDS in *Curious George™: Let's Get Curious!* The exhibit introduces young children to Curious George's world and leads visitors on a fun, meaningful interactive math, science and engineering-based adventure. Activities invite children to learn like George – through direct experience and problem solving.

Curious George: Let's Get Curious! exhibit was designed, developed and built by Minnesota Children's Museum in partnership with Universal Studios Consumer Products Group. The *Curious George: Let's Get Curious!* exhibit is sponsored nationally by 3M. Media sponsorship from Georgia Public Broadcasting and *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

Get Curious!

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at 11:00 AM & 12:00 PM (December 1-18); Mondays-Fridays at 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM (December 21-23 & 28-31); Thursday, December 24 at 11:00 AM; Saturday, December 5 at 3:00 PM; Saturdays, December 12, 19 & 26 at 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM; Sundays at 12:00 PM

In this 20-minute mini-musical, children meet a curious lad called Curious Chris (C.C.) who goes on adventures just like Curious George. He invites you to explore your world and get curious! Children join C.C., his Uncle Victor, and D.J. Soundsalicious as the Curiositer transports everyone to Africa to learn about math using African drum beats, to France to learn how baking is a chemical reaction, and to outer space to learn about the planets.

Special Events

Dr. of Fun: Electricity and Light

Saturday, December 5 at 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Come and explore electricity with the Dr. of Fun. Children will find out what electricity is and what it does. Receive a red nose and learn how to use electricity to make it light up.

Meet the Holidays: Christmas

Saturday, December 5 at 12:00 PM

Enjoy Christmas songs and stories from all around the world with Drew Laney from Turtle Radio in Nashville, Tennessee. Jump on a magic traveling quilt and take a musical adventure through Canada, Russia, Italy and South America.

Meet the Holidays: Christmas

Sunday, December 6 at 11:00 AM

Hanging ornaments on a tree is a Christmas tradition. Children will make stocking ornaments with the Imaginators.

Read It!: Christmas

Sunday, December 6 at 3:00 PM

Join an Imaginator and enjoy “Claude the Dog: A Christmas Story” by Dick Gackenbach. This book about sharing with others teaches children about the spirit of giving. Children are encouraged to delve into the world of books during Read It!

Meet the Holidays: Día de la Virgen de Guadalupe

Saturday, December 12 at 12:00 PM

Join the Imaginators as they read the story of the “The Lady of the Guadalupe” by Tomie dePaola. Children will learn about this Mexican holiday through a story about a poor Indian named Juan Diego who was visited by the Lady of Guadalupe in 1531.

Meet the Holidays: Día de la Virgen de Guadalupe

Sunday, December 13 at 11:00 AM

Join the Imaginators to celebrate this Catholic holiday and make tissue paper flowers in honor of the Virgin of Guadalupe. Children learn that people travel to Mexico City, where the virgin first appeared to the Mexican people, to bring bouquets of flowers and other presents to her.

Read It!: Día de la Virgen de Guadalupe

Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 PM

Join an Imaginator for the story “The Lady of the Guadalupe” by Tomie dePaola. Children will learn about this Mexican holiday through a story about a poor Indian named Juan Diego who was visited by the Lady of Guadalupe in 1531. Children are encouraged to delve into the world of books during Read It!

Meet the Holidays: Hanukkah

Saturday, December 19 at 12:00 PM

Come celebrate Hanukkah with storyteller Barry Stewart-Mann. He'll share both traditional and contemporary tales full of dreidels, menorahs and traditions to help kids learn about the Jewish Festival of Lights.

Meet the Holidays: Hanukkah

Sunday, December 20 at 11:00 AM

The dreidel game is a Hanukkah tradition played with a four-sided spinning top. Children will join the Imaginators to make a dreidel of their own.

Read It!: Hanukkah

Sunday, December 20 at 3:00 PM

Join an Imaginator and enjoy “Herschel and the Hanukkah Goblins” by Eric A. Kimmel. In this adaptation of the ancient Hanukkah story, Herschel the Ostropol overcomes obstacles to save Hanukkah. Children are encouraged to delve into the world of books during Read It!

Meet the Holidays: Kwanzaa

Saturday, December 26 at 12:00 PM

Join us for a Kwanzaa celebration with special guest storyteller Mama Koku. Kids will learn about this week-long holiday that honors African heritage.

Meet the Holidays: Kwanzaa

Sunday, December 27 at 11:00 AM

Join the Imaginators as you make colorful Kwanzaa placemats. The colors of the placemats represent traditional Kwanzaa colors: black, symbolizing the African-American people; red, representing struggle; and green, which symbolizes hope for a better future.

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Read It!: Kwanzaa

Sunday, December 27 at 3:00 PM

Join an Imaginator and enjoy "It's Kwanzaa Time" by Linda and Clay Goss. Children will learn about this week-long holiday that honors African heritage. Children are encouraged to delve into the world of books during Read It!

Ongoing Events

The Science Wondershop with Brian "Dr. Science" Williams

Sundays, October 11 – December 13 at 11:30 AM & 12:30 PM

The Science Wondershop offers children the opportunity to explore topics in science by participating in exciting hands-on activities. The program is designed for adult-child interaction to encourage imagination, curiosity, and an interest in the exploration of our world. Limited space available. Maximum of 20 children. First-come, first-served.

Target Free Second Tuesdays

Second Tuesday of Every Month

Now through December 2009 from 1:00 PM-7:00 PM (December 8)

Through a sponsorship by Target, admission is free for all visitors who come during these special hours. Free tickets will be available at the Museum starting at 1:00 PM during each Target Free Second Tuesday, and the Museum will close at 7:00 PM. The free tickets are issued on a first come first served basis as Museum capacity permits. Once the Museum reaches capacity, tickets are only issued as capacity in the Museum becomes available. Reservations are not accepted.

http://www.childrensmuseumatlanta.org/visitors/target_tuesday_faqs

Read It!

Every Sunday at 3:00 PM (December Read It! features stories about holidays from different cultures)

Children are encouraged to delve into the world of books during Read It! This half-hour story time, sponsored by McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP, is devoted to fostering literacy and encouraging young children to embrace the magic of books. Children join a special guest or an Imaginator as a colorful, creative storyteller extraordinaire who arrives with bookmarks and an armful of stories.

Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta is a smart place to play and a non-profit organization offering a family-friendly space filled with interactive, educational exhibits and programming for children ages eight and under. The Museum's mission is to spark imagination and inspire discovery and learning for all children through the power of play. The Museum's four permanent learning zones consist of bright, creative, hands-on exhibits that are designed to give children an opportunity to learn through play. Imagine It! also offers parties, memberships, field trips, and facility rentals. **Museum hours: Monday through Friday 10:00 AM-4:00 PM and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 AM-5:00 PM. Admission is \$12.50 plus tax for adults and children ages 2 and above; children under 2 are free. Imagine It! is located at 275 Centennial Olympic Park Drive NW.** The Museum is closed for Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day (close early at 1:00 PM on Christmas Eve). **For more information or to support Imagine It!, visit their new website at www.childrensmuseumatlanta.org or call 404.659.KIDS [5437].**

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