

Holiday Hints

Tradition vs. Technology: The Big Toy Choice

(NAPSA)—The latest in high-tech toys—or classics updated for the 21st-century youngster? That's the choice facing many holiday shoppers this year as they consider technology toys, featuring everything from voice recognition to remote sensors, vs. classic toys that many of today's parents and grandparents once loved.

Here are some hints to help you decide:

Going Techno:

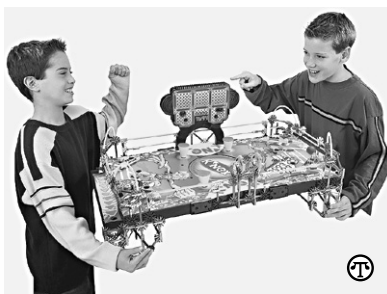
- The key to choosing technology toys for children is the ratio of excitement to interactive play value. Fitting both criteria is the new K'NEX Electronic Arcade building set (\$89.99), which lets children design, build and play two unique, exciting games: pinball and speedball. In addition to fast-paced competitive game play, the set offers building challenges, customizing opportunities and play possibilities limited only by the builder's imagination.

- The K'NEX BurnOut (\$49.99) radio-control dragster construction set lets kids design innovative high-performance racing models, then take control with R/C action to build "in-your-face" replicas of real working racers.

- K'NEX's Cyber Swarm (\$29.99) lets kids construct three different insect models, then bring them buzzing into life by inserting a CyberKey that is programmed with a special "personality" for each model. Each Cyber Swarm building set includes Cyber components—processor, battery-pack, motor, Cyber port and three Cyber keys—as well as a launcher with foam missiles.

The Art of Simplicity:

- As part of the growing trend toward simplifying and streamlin-



Something old or something new may be among the holiday gifts your child will love.

ing, many classic toys have been updated with bright colors and ease-of-use features, as well as educational and environmental twists that win them a new place in parents' hearts. Great for youngsters ages three and up, these classic toys include the Lincoln Logs Fort Abraham Lincoln building set (\$39.99). This limited-edition set includes classic all-wood Lincoln Logs for building a replica of the legendary blockhouse that was once the home base for Lt. Colonel George Custer. It comes complete with diecast figurines, as in the Lincoln Log sets of years ago.

- The Lincoln Logs Big Valley Barn set (\$24.99) lets kids build a big frontier barn, and includes five figures and colorful plastic accessories. The green barn roof and open-backed building make play time even more fun.

- The Lincoln Logs Conestoga Ranch set (\$19.99) lets kids build a Lincoln Log homestead and covered wagon, then play "new frontier" with the log structures and the colorful figures, horses and accessories.

You'll find these fun holiday gift ideas at local toy stores. To learn more, visit www.knex.com.