

Create Family Fun

Fun Family Activities For Foul-Weather Days

(NAPSA)—Does the inevitability of winter's inclement weather get you down? Do you wonder just how you'll entertain the kids when rain, snow or even extreme heat make days of indoor activities a certainty? No need to worry. Indoor days are great opportunities for parents to enjoy creative activities with their kids; spending quality time together away from television screens or video games.

Pediatricians, national news programs and venerable morning talk shows have advised for years that allowing children to spend too much time playing computer games and watching television can slow development and lead to overweight, unhealthy children and young adults. Indoors isn't all bad, however. Arts and crafts, for example, can play an important role in childhood development; and they're great fun, too. Thanks to the array of creative tools available today, activities such as scrapbooking, card making, rubber stamping and custom gift making are more fun and engaging than ever before.

Here are some tips for fun and easy indoor activities that parents can enjoy with their kids from Xyron, a leading creative products brand:

• **Personalize cards and gifts**—Ideal for creating memorable and personal holiday and birthday cards, gift items or decorative gift wrap, the new Xyron Design Runner is a one-of-a-kind, easy-to-use tool for adding printed accents in unexpected places. Wood frames, handmade cards, pre-



Youngsters—from toddlers to tweens—will love adding personal touches to cards, notebooks, journals, backpacks and more!

bought gift bags and even plain wrapping papers can be transformed into custom creations in minutes! The best part: no computer connection or wires required. The Xyron Design Runner is a completely portable, battery-operated, handheld printer.

• **Make homework fun**—School projects may not be everyone's idea of a fun afternoon, but with the Model 150 Create-a-Sticker, kids will actually look forward to homework, art projects and other take-home activities. Fun and easy to use, the Model 150 turns virtually anything up to 1.5" wide—including clip art, drawings, miniphotos, die-cut letters and numbers—into a sticker!

And no mess!

• **Create custom magnets**—Turn photos, kid art, postcards and other memorabilia into something really special. With multi-purpose tools like the Model 510 and Model 900 Creative Stations, you and your kids can turn virtually any photo or special keepsake into a perfectly preserved laminated magnet—without heat, batteries or electricity.

Whether you're young or old, creating something special for someone special is an enriching and satisfying activity. To learn more about the exciting array of Xyron products that can make foul-weather family time fun and productive, visit www.xyron.com.