



# Nadine Silverthorne's Blog

## Sweetmama @ Global News Morning

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Full disclosure: I just returned from our fabulous Sweetspot staff holiday party. I already wrote this post once, forgot to save it and now it's getting late and by the time you read this I'll have been on TV already. Where was I going? (Sorry, one too many Vodka Gimlets...) Oh, right. So I came home and decided that maybe I should link to some of the things I'll be talking about on air. Being fabulous and frugal over the holidays. So here goes:

- Karla at [BabyThoughts.ca](#) has some of the most reasonably priced wooden toys. These toys have both the durability and the safety requirements that modern parents are looking for.
- [Mamma Mio](#): This fantastic UK natural skincare line has some great items for expectant mothers.
- [LoveFresh Handmade Body Goodies](#): I truly love this line and recently stocked up at the Children's Trunk Show in Toronto.
- [Cargo Holiday Nights Sets](#): \$100 worth of fabulous makeup at a quarter of the price? Sign me up!
- [Benefit Peace Love & Glossiness](#): Three lip glosses give you six different colours. Split them up for a cool stocking stuffer or a sweet gift amongst teachers or caregivers. (Also available at Shoppers Drug Mart.)
- [Mabels Labels' Classroom Packs](#): \$12 for 60 labels for just about every subject a teacher might need. If that doesn't get your kid an A...
- **Gift cards for coffee** -- because teachers and caregivers need a coffee break after dealing with snotty kids all day. I chose **Starbucks** (oh those cute mittens they come in this year!), but anything that's close to the school or care centre would be good.
- I'll also be talking about **Williams Sonoma latex-free kitchen gloves** (\$17.50), which are sadly not on their site, but I know for a fact are in store, because I bought a bunch for gifts on Tuesday. (Sorry cross-Canada readers, I know the stores aren't everywhere.) They are super sturdy (you won't feel a thing), come in cute colours like lavender, and alleviate the need to buy lots of cheapo dishwashing gloves that tear easily. Love, love, love.

Friday I'll post my Sweetmama Survival Guide to shopping for the holidays. Stay tuned.