Common Cold and Fever?

Let's continue our exploration of symptoms of the "common cold" with a look at fever in children. Fever is a sign that your body is fighting off an infection. Fevers are usually not dangerous for most children and infants over the age of three months and treating a fever does not make the infection go away faster. So why even treat the fever? The reason we treat fevers is to keep your child comfortable to eat, drink, or sleep normally. The most commonly used medicines to treat fever are acetaminophen (Tylenol®) and ibuprofen (Motrin®, Advil®). Aspirin should not be given to children for fever unless advised by a pediatrician. Also, you should call your doctor if your child has a fever and is less than three months old, if the fever has lasted more than 24 hours, or if your child is vomiting. For tips on the safe use of acetaminophen or ibuprofen and other ways to keep you child comfortable, stop by Tiger Town Pharmacy or Homer Drug Co. and speak to one of our pharmacists.