

# BIRTHDAY INFORMATION

## 2023-24

We will do all birthday celebrations and activities in class – you will not be asked to bring anything from home on your child's birthday.

We are asking that NO items from home be sent into school – we will not do “show-n-tell” or send home trinkets on birthdays. Instead, we will work hard as a class community to make your child's day fun and special within our classroom. We have found that the kids got more involved and learned more about each other when all birthday activities occur in the classroom.

On your child's birthday we will have your child come to the front of the room and tell us about themselves. We will also allow the kids to ask questions...favorite color, favorite TV show, etc. Then during centers we will use that information to make cards, signs, etc for the birthday child to take home. Last year, the kids LOVED being able to “make” something for their friend.

This style of birthday celebration lends nicely to the academic and social goals of our classroom while still allowing the birthday child to feel special. They will work on speaking in front of a group, asking questions about the birthday child and not just sharing personal info (this is a hard one for many), answering questions, etc. It is also great for the other children to make cards and choices based on what the other person would like – so using the birthday child's favorite color and not theirs, etc.

I was really pleased and surprised at how well this has gone in previous years and am excited to keep it going!

If you have any questions please let Mrs. Stamets know.