



Non-Food Ideas for Birthday Celebrations at School

Ideas for Parents/Guardians

1. Bring in small items for each child, such as fun erasers, pencils, stickers, tops, mini notepads/pencils, mini coloring books/crayons, birthday bracelet bands, matchbox cars, bookmarks, mini puzzles, etc.
2. Have a family member come to class to read a story, play a game, or share a special talent or skill.
3. Donate something for the classroom (books, board games for indoor recess, music, etc.)
4. Donate a book to the school or class library with your child's name and picture inside.
5. Decorate a box and send it into the classroom. Also send index cards or smaller pieces of paper. Ask each child to use one sentence to write something nice about the birthday child and put it into the box. The birthday child gets to take the box home at the end of the day. You could also do the same thing using an autograph book.
6. Send in supplies and directions for a small craft to make at home.
7. Talk with your teacher about arranging for the children to play a special game instead of eating a snack. If you don't have any ideas for a specific game, the teacher will know what the children will enjoy and what will work well in the classroom setting.
8. Bring in something that all the children can sign as a birthday treat for the birthday child (shirt/sweatshirt, tote bag, autograph stuffed animal, pillow case, etc.).
9. Ask the teacher if your child may have a show and tell time on their birthday. Your child can make a poster, read a special book, bring in some of their favorite things, bring pictures, tell their classmates about their favorite things, share a talent etc.
10. Ask the teacher if you can send in a dance song, and have the whole class do the dance.

