



## Birthday Celebrations at School

Birthdays are important milestones for children of all ages. At Washington School, we recognize that children enjoy sharing their special day with classmates. In order to ensure that all students may participate fully, we have adopted **food-free** guidelines for these celebrations:

- All students celebrating a birthday in a particular month are recognized in a group celebration during one of our daily, morning assemblies.
- On their actual birthdate, students are given a birthday crown (or sticker, if appropriate) to wear for the day along with a birthday pencil and are recognized by their classroom teacher and classmates.
- In addition to the activities noted above, parents may choose to do **one** of the following:
  1. Provide a small favor for each child (erasers, tops, stickers, notepads, small coloring books, sidewalk chalk, etc.). Please limit this to one item per child.
  2. Send your child to school with an item that their classmates can sign for a birthday remembrance (shirt/sweatshirt, tote bag, stuffed animal, pillow case, etc.).
  3. Buy/donate something for the classroom (books, games, music, plant, etc.).

*\* We will also have various holiday/seasonal celebrations in our classrooms throughout the school year. Parents will be asked to provide an additional, **peanut-free** snack for their own child (for up to three of these events). The classroom teachers will inform parents in advance of these special events.*

