



## Fun Ideas for Birthdays, Holidays and Classroom Celebrations

Listed below are some creative ways to celebrate birthdays and holidays in the classroom while encouraging a positive and healthy environment.

- **Birthday Keepsakes:** Classmates can make birthday cards or create a birthday book or poster where each classmate can write something positive about the birthday child. Provide simple card-making supplies that include colored markers, stickers, glitter, etc.
- **My Favorite Book:** Working with the librarian, a child can donate a book to the library with a special bookplate in the front. In the classroom, the birthday child can explain why they chose the book or discuss a favorite part of the book. Maybe Mom, Dad, Grandparents or a special friend can come and read as a special guest!
- **King/Queen for a Day:** Provide a special sash, chair cover and/or crown and have the birthday child be king or queen for the day. The king or queen can have privileges like leading the class or other special activities.
- **Little Known Facts:** Have an “I am special” board or book. The birthday child can make a collage or book of photos at home and can share it with the class. Photos can include fun information to share, such as where a child was born, their favorite place in Seattle, pets, favorite things to do, favorite foods, favorite people, etc.
- **Support a Cause:** Make a donation to a special cause that is important to the birthday child and make a presentation to the class. For example, adopt a gorilla via the Enviorkids Gorilla Munch cereal and have the photo and plaque hang in the classroom.
- **Special Delivery:** Hire a singing telegram or other kind of fun but brief (and, of course, appropriate) performer. Or have balloons or flowers delivered.

- **Give a Little:** Have the birthday child give out flowers, pencils, stickers or glow sticks. Check out [www.orientaltradingcompany.com](http://www.orientaltradingcompany.com) for inexpensive toys in bulk.
- **Include Everyone:** Hold a special birthday party towards the end of the year to celebrate all birthdays, including summer birthdays and those that fall on vacation days.
- **Hold the Sugar:** For seasonal celebrations and holiday events, think about celebrating without sweets. For example, celebrate Valentines with cards, not candy. For the end-of-the-school-year celebrations, feature games and toys instead of sweets.
- **Spice up Recess:** How about donating new recess toys to your child's classroom? They could always use more jump ropes and four square balls!

**Got a great idea? We want to hear from you!**

If you have a fun idea for celebrating an event, we want to hear from you! Please contact Vivian Syme at [viviansyme@msn.com](mailto:viviansyme@msn.com) or call (206) 523-5395. We would love to add your idea to the list!