



## Potential Birthday Celebration Ideas for Parents Non-Food Ways to Celebrate

- Donate a book, game, or supplies to the child's classroom inscribed with child's name...example "Donated in Honor of Mary Smith's 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday"  
(The birthday child can bring this wrapped and present it to their class)
- Donate a piece of physical education/activity equipment (balls, jump ropes, etc) for PE class or recess. (The birthday child can bring this wrapped and present it to their class)
- Send a simply decorated "Happy Birthday" poster board on which classmates can sign their name and write birthday greetings. The birthday child can bring it home at the end of the day to share with their family
- Send an autograph book or stuffed animal that classmates can sign and write birthday greetings. The child can bring it home at the end of the day to share with their family
- Write a letter to the class which the teacher can read. The letter could describe:
  - Something special about the birthday child that the class probably doesn't know
  - A funny story about the birthday child
  - Personal recollections about the day the birthday child was born
- Send in a short recap of what happened in history on the day the child was born. (Find fun, historical facts at [www.historychannel.com](http://www.historychannel.com))
- Send in a newborn photo or a 1<sup>st</sup> birthday photo to share with the class
- Provide non-edible trinkets for each classmate (erasers, pencils, stickers, bubbles, deck of cards, etc...nothing too expensive please)

*\*The intent of this list was to generate non-edible celebration ideas. As with any activity impacting classroom instruction, please refer to your individual child's teacher classroom policies and/or recommendations.*