

Non- Food Reward Ideas for Students

Praise and Recognition

- Displaying their work on a bulletin board
- Verbal praises (“great job!” or “I’m proud of you!”)
- Certificates of award / ribbons

Privileges

- Sitting in a special chair or area during class or lunch
- Being the line leader or teacher’s helper for the day
- Extra recess or free play time
- Choosing a classroom activity

Tokens and Tangible Rewards

- Small toys (bouncy balls, erasers, bookmarks)
- Points to redeem a larger reward
- Stickers or stamps
- Coupons for privileges (Bring a favorite toy to school- show and tell, “No Homework Pass”)

Experiences

- Extra time for a favorite activity (games, reading, art)
- Watching a short educational video or listening to a story
- Participating in a fun classroom event (scavenger hunt)

Social Rewards

- Getting to share a special skill or talent with the class
- Sitting with a friend during an activity
- Lunch with a teacher

Creative and Personalized Rewards

- Wearing a “Student of the Day” badge or crown
- Allowing them to pick out the classroom activity, story or music for the day
- Writing their name on a classroom recognition board
- A shout out in the school newsletter or on morning announcements

Environmental Rewards

- Giving them a small plant or pet rock to care for in class
- Decorating their desk with special materials
- Temporary classroom privileges (using colorful pens or a clipboard for the day or being class leader for the day)