



Dear Parent

It is almost time to celebrate your child's birthday! We would like to celebrate your child's birthday as a community in the classroom. Here is what to expect and prepare for the day.

Please gather one picture from each year of their life, including when they were born (birth - the current year). These could be photos taken during significant events from that year (a new sibling, extended family, a birthday picture, learning to ride a bike, vacations etc.) We will talk about milestones from that year and how she has grown. You can also include other pictures of parents and family. If you could also include an email/notecard of important moments each year of their life. Your child has the opportunity to pick a favorite snack to share with the class and a favorite book to be read with the class.

We typically celebrate at the end of the morning work cycle, around 10:30 am. We gather at the carpet and lay out the celebration mat. The teacher narrates her birth and invites her to share pictures of when she was little, then we will sing a song about the earth traveling around the sun. During the song, your child will carry the globe around the sun once to represent one year of growth. It is a beautiful way to celebrate the monumental growth they have gone through, to learn about seasons and to understand the concept of a year in a physical and experiential way.

We encourage you to attend, you will then have an opportunity to read a favorite book to the class while the class enjoys the birthday snack before recess. If you are unable to make it, your child may bring the book and snack with them to school, and we will read it to the class. After the celebration ends, you may accompany your child to recess or take them home for the day! After the treat you may accompany her to recess or leave at that time.

Family members are welcome to join us. Please let us know who will be coming so we can let the office staff know. When you arrive, sign in at the front office and receive a visitor sticker. Thanks so much for letting us celebrate with you!

Blessings,

Children's House Staff