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**Ideas for Parents: Non-food Ideas for Birthday/Classroom Party Celebrations at School**

We all know that birthdays and classroom parties are important to every child and that kids like to celebrate with their classmates. However, sending in a food treat to the classroom to celebrate can exclude those children who have food allergies, diabetes, or other dietary restrictions. I would like to ask that you consider one of the following options as you prepare for your child’s birthday celebration or classroom party.

1. **Party favors** (pencils, erasers, note pads, rulers, stickers, etc.)

2. Come into the classroom and **read a book** to the class.

3. **Buy something for the classroom** (books, games, etc.).

4. Bring in something that all the **kids can sign** as a birthday treat for the birthday kid (shirt/sweat shirt, tote bag, autograph stuffed animal, pillow case, etc.).

Thank you for your consideration and understanding. Please contact the classroom teacher with your celebration idea prior to the celebration.

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