



Celebrating Your Child's Birthday

At Vanderlyn Elementary School we recognize that birthdays are important days for our students. We want each child to feel honored and special on their day. We are also committed to limiting interruptions in instructional time. We recognize that many parents want to help celebrate in the classroom. To that end we have listed below suggested ways for you to participate while maintaining a productive learning environment. We also ask that you do not send in food or favors.

Suggestions for Parents:

- Wrap a book for your child to open that can be donated to the classroom.
- Enjoy lunch with your child.
- Volunteer to lead some instructional activity in your child's classroom.
Ideas include:
 - Be a mystery reader
 - Be animal or state parent
 - Be the science parent

Your teacher will also provide age appropriate ways to recognize your child during the day.

Other Special Occasions:

There will be special occasions during the year when teachers will lead an activity or celebration that includes food. As we strive to foster the best learning environment we ask that you do not send in snacks that are high in fat or sugar. Many children are faced with dietary restrictions that prohibit them from sharing in processed snacks. We ask that you work with your child's teacher to support a healthy and inclusive environment.