

Birthday Circles

This is a day when the class celebrates your child's birthday. It is a very special event and family members are welcome to attend.

Our celebration consists of the birthday child holding a globe (representing the earth) while walking around a candle (representing the sun) for each year of their life. Please provide a picture of your child that represents each year of their life to accompany this activity (a baby picture, a picture when they were 1 year old, a picture when they were 2 years old, etc.) During this activity, we talk about the different stages of your child's life.

Parents are welcome to view/attend the birthday circle in person. Talk to your child's teacher about 1 - 2 weeks prior to the birthday to get it scheduled. If your child has a summer birthday, you can choose to have the birthday circle at the beginning or end of the school year. If you choose to attend, feel free to share some of your child's important accomplishments and milestones (they learned how to walk, ride a bike, swim, visited a relative in another state, went on a family vacation, etc.) that occurred during each year.

Children who attend full day may choose to celebrate their birthday in the morning or the afternoon, but not at both times.

While we ask that you do not send balloons, decorations, gift bags or party favors, children are welcome to bring in a birthday snack to share with the class. All birthday snacks must be commercially prepared. We ask that the snack be selected from the following list in order to avoid sugary foods and to keep the process simpler for you as a parent. Here is a list of acceptable snacks you may choose from:

- Fig bars
- Fresh fruit
- Pirate Booty
- Teddy grahams
- Fruit snacks
- Goldfish crackers
- Apple slices
- Mini muffins
- Made Good Vanilla Crispy Squares