



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION DATE REQUEST FORM

The celebration of a birthday in the Montessori classroom is fun and very special! We honor the birthday child and strive to give the child a sense of his/her history. Parent(s) arrive at 9:15AM for the morning session and 12:45 PM for the afternoon session (PM-Allisonville only). Parents need to bring a poster with one picture per year of the birthday child. Once we are all seated around the rug, we will begin our celebration. The teacher and the birthday child begins the celebration by choosing a friend to first place a rug in the center of the circle, then another friend puts the sun on the rug and a final friend will give the child the Earth. Once the scene is set, with the help of the parent(s), a story is told of the birthday child on Earth. What the day was like when they were born, what time it was, how much they weighed... The child will then travel with the Earth around the Sun. With the parent's help, we will learn a little about the birthday child at each age. We will use the poster as a visual guide for our story. After the story, the class will sing "Happy Birthday". We hope you find the celebration to be as special as we do! For the safety of all of the children including the growing amount of children with fatal food allergies, we ask that you do not send anything edible. The celebration itself is plenty, but if you want to do something, here are several suggestions: bring in a pencil, stickers, bubbles, play dough and/or, plastic rings for each child. Some parents have chosen to let the birthday child present the school with a special book or educational toy for all of the children to enjoy while at school. (We have 32 children per class.) After our celebration, the children will begin their academic rotation and the parent(s) are free to leave.

As every child deserves a special celebration, summer birthdays may be celebrated at the $\frac{1}{2}$ year date or in September or May. We will not be planning any birthday celebrations during the first or last week of school.

*Please print, cut & return bottom portion to school **at least two weeks** before requested date of celebration.*

Child's name: _____ Child's actual b-day _____ Session: AM[] PM[]

1st choice of celebration date: _____ 2nd choice of celebration date _____

Teacher response to request: Available scheduled date: _____