



## APPLE MONTESSORI S C H O O L S

Dear Families,

Your child's birthday is a special occasion, and we will be happy to celebrate it in school. We celebrate each child's birthday the Montessori way through the Celebration of Life. This is for your child and their classmates only. However, we will record each Celebration of Life, and send it to you, so you may review the celebration through pictures and videos. Please complete the Celebration of Life form and submit it to your child's teacher. You can send in the photographs of your child a day before their birthday/birthday celebration.

We know in addition to the Celebration of Life many parents would like to send in a small treat to also celebrate your child's birthday. If you would like to do this please send in the attached form to your child's teacher 7 days in advance of the celebration. Whatever is brought in to celebrate must also be individually portioned and peanut free, we do not allow sheet cakes. You may send in goody bags as long as they do not contain any food, candy or any small choking hazards.

Many families may also choose to have a celebration outside of school. We can help distribute hard copied invitations. They must be handed to the teacher to distribute, we do this so that if you are not inviting the whole class to the party children's feelings get hurt. We will not send out reminders or be responsible for RSVP's.

### **Birthday Celebration Guidelines**

- We ask that you please provide a list of ingredients with each food item that is brought into the classroom. Remember we are a Peanut Aware School so we do not allow Peanut Products in our schools.
- You can provide a juice box or small bottled water to accompany the snack you are providing.
- You must also include dessert plates and napkins.
- Balloons are not allowed, but you can bring in one candle.
- Goodie bags are permitted they may not contain any food, candy or small choking items. Some suggestions are books, art supplies and/or reusable water bottles.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher or the office.

Sincerely,

Apple Montessori Schools

### **Birthday Party Request Form**

Please complete this form and submit it to your child's teacher at least 7 days in advance of your requested celebration date. This is required so that children who have allergies will be able to have a treat and join in the celebration. Please remember, although parents cannot attend the classroom parties, we will certainly do our best to document the special occasion for you!

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested day to celebrate: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose 1 item to bring in for the celebration:

Fruit

Vegetables

Mini cupcakes

Ice Cream Cups

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

When bringing in birthday treats, please be sure to supply cups, plates, napkins and utensils, if needed.

Reminder we do not allow any peanut products on our premises. Please make sure items have a label with all ingredients listed.

## Celebration of Life

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Celebration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A Celebration of Life is a wonderful way to celebrate a birthday while honoring a child's life and accomplishments. If possible, please find a picture for each year of their life and write a short story to be brought in to school for this celebration (the photos will be returned). The following is a sample life story. We ask that you let your child participate in selecting pictures and writing their life story for this celebration.

The Story Of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ was born on \_\_\_\_\_ (month, day, year),  
in \_\_\_\_\_ (city, state, country, continent) on the planet earth. He/she had to  
be held and taken care of all the time, couldn't talk to or tell mom or dad what was  
needed, had to wear diapers, drank lots of milk and slept most of the time.

By \_\_\_\_\_ months he/she could \_\_\_\_\_ (sit, up by his/herself, crawl, etc)

When \_\_\_\_\_ was 1 year old he/she \_\_\_\_\_ (learned to walk, etc).  
He/she loved to \_\_\_\_\_.

At 2 years old \_\_\_\_\_ (learned to use the potty, etc) \_\_\_\_\_.

When \_\_\_\_\_ was 3 years old he/she (came to Montessori school, could  
talk in sentences, run, ride a tricycle) and loved doing \_\_\_\_\_. At  
home he/she helped by \_\_\_\_\_.

And now \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ years old! He/she can \_\_\_\_\_ all by  
his/herself! His/her favorite color is \_\_\_\_\_, favorite food is  
\_\_\_\_\_, favorite activity is \_\_\_\_\_ etc.

The Celebration of Life is done during opening circle time. We are happy to record this  
celebration and send it to you. Thank you for your help in making your child's  
celebration a meaningful and memorable event.