

## Birthday Celebrations in a Montessori Classroom

Over the years we have found that children enjoy celebrating their birthday in the classroom. The birthday is marked by a special "birthday crown" made by the child and is worn during the festivities. Additionally, we have a celebratory snack (cookies made by the family) and cooled decaffeinated iced tea (prepared by the children at school) that is shared among all children in the classroom. Pictures are taken and will be posted online shortly thereafter.

The recipe for the cookies **excludes** dairy products, eggs, and nuts and is available on our website. The recipe will need to be followed <u>exactly</u> to keep the cookies consistently allergen-free. The single candy dot ("birthday bead") that goes in the center of each cookie is available from the Crestview office. You will need to make 26 cookies for your child's celebration.

When a child's birthday occurs in the summer, we will celebrate your child's "half-birthday" at the appropriate time during the school year.

We plan to celebrate your child's birthday as close to the actual day as possible, therefore we ask that you prepare ahead of time and ask for the "birthday beads" to be sent home at least a week before the day. You can also request the beads anytime, bake the cookies, and we will keep them in our freezer for the actual day.

We will not be publishing the birthday list for privacy reasons, so we ask that you please contact us by email requesting the beads be sent home on your requested day.