

Birthday Celebration

(Walk Around the Sun)

In the Montessori classroom, we have a special birthday celebration that allows us to focus attention on the child's growth and development while giving your child a sensorial impression of how time has passed since his/her birth. This celebration is called "Walk Around the Sun." Your child will choose a friend to hold the sun in the center of the circle. As your child holds a globe, he/she walks around the sun one time for every year of life. As the child walks each year, a description of the child at the time of his/her life is read and a corresponding photograph is shown. The children really enjoy this peaceful celebration of their life.

What we need from parents:

One snapshot per year...a birth picture, the first year, the second year, etc. Please provide a short description that highlights that time of your child's life. One or two sentences are sufficient. We encourage you to involve your child in the selection of the photos and the creation of their birthday timeline. We will return the pictures at the end of your child's day. During the celebration, the teacher will engage parents to add some highlights about your child's development. Our Kindergarten students have a home project that they complete for their birthday celebrations.

Regarding snacks:

We request that only fruits or vegetables be brought in to share with the class. This helps to ensure that all students can enjoy the snack, regardless of food allergies. The students are particularly fond of pineapple, grapes, strawberries, carrots, raisins and oranges. Please send fruit or vegetables cut and or/ prepared with serving utensils. **NO NUT PRODUCTS.**

Special situations:

If you plan to hand deliver birthday party invitations at the school, please make sure every child in the classroom receives one, to avoid hurt feelings. Otherwise invitations should be personally mailed/emailed to each family.

***Please do not send goody/party bags to the school.**

_____ 's celebration will take place on _____

promptly at _____ .

Please provide enough snack for _____ students.