



## Food and Birthday Policies

We love celebrations and parties at POP Kids! However, this year will be a little different due to COVID and the need to limit items coming into the building. During regular years, we have always kept snacks and treats to a minimum due to children in our program with allergies. This year, we ask that parents do NOT send any food (including home baked goods) to school. This includes for birthday parties, holiday parties and other occasions.

We know that birthdays (special days or half birthdays) are important to your child. Each teacher does birthdays/special days a little differently but the focus is always on making your child feel special. This year, due to extra restrictions for COVID safety, we request that you do NOT send any kind of treat or goodie bag. The teachers have gotten extra creative about celebrating within the classroom and COVID is helping us understand that it isn't the "stuff" that is valued but each other.

In the past, we have also had a wonderful opportunity to give to L.I.F.E (Loveland Inter-faith Effort) in honor of the birthday child so everyone could learn about giving. L.I.F.E is the food pantry that was housed here at Prince of Peace and many Loveland area churches provide the volunteers to operate it. Sadly, due to COVID and the need to operate differently, they are moving to another location closer to downtown. We will miss them greatly. Since the move is new and in the age of COVID, we are working through how we can continue this wonderful partnership. Stay tuned!

**Note:** If your child is having a private party, please mail or e-mail invitations and do not bring them to school.

Holiday parties will also be handled with just the staff instead of having extra parents in the room. We may ask you to send a craft or game to help.

*Thank you for assisting us in providing a safe, fair environment for all our children. Please see Angie Seiller with questions or concerns.*