

Dennison Class Party Information

NO RELIGIOUS themes please. We have to stick to HOLIDAY only.

Kindergarten class parties are held from **9:00 to 10:00am**.

1st - 6th class parties are held from **2:15 - 3:15pm**.

Refreshments should include light snacks and beverages. Cheese, crackers, fruit and veggies are good choices. Pay attention to **ALLERGIES** and no nuts, just to be safe. Also, include an alternative snack for anyone with allergies, if allergic to what you are serving.

The class party should include craft activities and/or games organized by parents. It's nice to split the party into multiple rotating stations. For example - craft station, snack station, game station. Please touch base with your teacher to discuss your plans. Do a test run for your craft and game. This will ensure you have all the materials you need (glue, scissors) and that the craft and game work like you believe they will in the real world. It is also very helpful to put each craft with materials into a bag for each student. There is only so much time for this station and the bag is a real time saver. Also if using glue please provide a tablecloth that will protect the table.

It is helpful to create a sign up for some of the items that you will need: supplies, paper products, snacks and the number of volunteers to man each station. Some stations may do better with 2 volunteers. Sign up may also be used to get help with setup (how much time will set up take) and clean up. Creating a detailed list will make it easy to ask parents for what you need and make it clear any classroom supplies needed. **SignUpGenius.com** is a great resource.

The PTA collects party money and provides \$2 per student for each party. Use this money to pay for supplies, craft and food. Please save all RECEIPTS and return them to the PTA Treasurer (Crystal Frigo) in the envelope provided after the party. You can send it through kid mail or drop off at front desk.

We encourage you to include a *Photographer* for your party. It is nice for the yearbook staff to have pictures from your party that include many of the students in one photo. This can be another part of your SignUpGenius.

Websites for Ideas:

www.orientaltrading.com

www.makeandtakes.com

www.spoonful.com

www.crafts-for-all-seasons.com

www.pinterest.com

www.thecraftycrow.net

www.Mommyapolis.com

Winter Holiday Party Ideas

Activities: Make ornaments, decorate cookies, gingerbread houses or holiday themed crafts.

Games: Move the snow - kids stand in 2 lines and transfer cotton balls from spoon to spoon, from 1 end of the line to the other. The winning team is the one with the most snow in the bucket.

Snacks: Fruit skewers with yogurt dip; strawberries with whipped cream. Serve sugar cookies that kids decorate, make marshmallow snowmen (attach several large marshmallows using icing or pretzel sticks) for kids to decorate with a few small candies.

Valentine's Day Party Ideas

Activities: Make ornaments, cut out heart shapes and decorate, find simple poems to add to them.

Games: Matchmaker - print out pictures of famous partners or pairs (Mickey and Minnie, salt and pepper) and tape one on each child's back. Players search for their other half by asking yes/no questions to classmates.

Snacks: Red pepper strips and grape tomatoes with dip; fruit cups in small cupcake wrappers (cut the tops off strawberries and slice to resemble hearts). Sweet treats like heart shaped cookies or brownies.

Teacher and Teacher aides Gifts

We have been asked to develop suggested guidelines for teacher gifts for the holidays and end of the school year. A holiday gift to the classroom teacher is appreciated but not required. Participation in a group class gift is completely optional and any family may choose to give their own gift. When collecting donations for a group gift or gift card, we suggest not asking for a set amount from families and include a deadline for receiving the donations for your group gift. This is not a school policy but aims to help with gift giving.

After the Party

Upon completion of the party, fill out the classroom party reimbursement form, attach receipts and submit to the PTA Treasurer. The Treasurer will reimburse based on \$2 per child.

If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact:

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