



## **We Can't Wait to Celebrate Your Child's Birthday!**

We are so excited to celebrate all the wonderful birthdays in our classroom! We wanted to take a moment to describe the method of birthdays. Within a Montessori classroom, we take time to focus on the growth of the child, celebrating each year that he or she was alive.

During the celebration, your child will carry a globe around the "sun," symbolizing the passing of one year. A teacher will share pictures with the class from that child's first year and describe what happened to him or her ("When Aden was one, he was learning how to walk.") This will continue until the present day.

Students will present a timeline of their lives, beginning when they were an infant. This project can be done on poster board, paper, or in a book. Students can include photos or illustrations. The child should do the work for the project, not the parent.

Families may, if they are interested, bring in a healthy snack to share or a non-food related treat for the children. We will give those out at the end of the day. All treats must be prepackaged and ready to go! Unfortunately, we do not have time to put that together on the day of the birthday. We will celebrate your child's birthday at the end of the day before going to specials at 3:00 PM. Remember, this is optional!

We can't wait to learn more about your child's life prior to joining us!

If you have questions, feel free to reach out to me at [abizon2@cps.edu](mailto:abizon2@cps.edu)