

# Celebrate & Reward Children without Food

## Recognition/Privileges

- Recognize over school intercom system
- Ribbon or certificate of recognition
- Photo recognition board
- Assigned as the special helper for the day
  - Line leader
  - Run errands around the school
  - Teach the class or a younger classroom
  - Read the morning announcements
- No "homework" pass
- Extra technology time
- Extra recess or favorite special class (PE, art, music)
- Eat lunch with a special friend and/or teacher
- Make a t-shirt and wear for the day
- Make a crown and be a prince or princess for the day
- Plant a seed/flower to grow a plant

**Note:** Creates a safe school environment.

## Rewards

- Books (reading/coloring/sticker)
- Cups/water bottles
- Goodie bags with trinkets/gadgets (stickers, puzzles, toy cars, stuffed animals, finger puppets, action figures, key chains, flashlights)
- School supplies (pencils, pens, erasers, notepads, crayons/markers, rulers, pencil sharpeners)
- Physical activity gear (jump ropes, yo-yo's, frisbees, nerf balls)
- Develop a point/ticket or token system that allows students to accumulate a certain number in exchange for larger rewards such as: gift certificate to the school store, local book store/movie theatre

**Note:** Use **latex free** rewards.

**Note:** If food is absolutely necessary to celebrate, please follow your school guidelines regarding the process and read food labels carefully. It is **highly** recommended to choose items of high nutritional value and that are safe for **all** students in the classroom to consume. Remember, children with food allergies enjoy celebrations just like any other child.

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