Birthday Circle Information

Birthday Celebrations in Elementary

Birthday celebrations are done differently in the Elementary than in Primary. Like many other things in Elementary, the child is working on becoming more independent and expanding their social network.

What we ask of you:

- 1. We will celebrate each child's birthday on the actual day or as close as possible to it. Please email your teachers to schedule a time for your child.
- 2. Please help your child fill in the information on the following forms. Together with your child, you can write something special to say about each year of your child's life. Perhaps you can tell us something they liked to do, their favorite food or hobby, or a special event that occurred that year.
- 3. Please choose a picture from each year of your child's life to attach to each page of the form. If you already have a picture collection displayed in an alternate way, that is okay too.
- 4. If you would like to provide a snack for your child's celebration, we ask that it is from the following list:
 - a. Outshine Popsicles
 - b. Skinny Pop Popcorn

Do parents and families attend?

No. The celebration is focused on the birthday child, their relationship to the other children, and the community of the classroom. As your child has entered into the second plane of development, they want this extra fun time with their friends. An important characteristic of this plane is that the Lower Elementary child is beginning to need more independent moments. This celebration is a great way for them to experience this phenomenon in a safe environment. We know this may be a hard thing for us to hear as parents. We encourage you to find new ways to be included in the celebration such as helping your child pick out pictures and write a special memory for each year. It's a great day as a parent to know that your child is beginning to grow into that independent and responsible child you hoped and dreamed they'd become.

Please have your child answer the following questions and decorate a page all about them however they choose.

- 1. What is my favorite book?
- 2. What is my favorite animal?
- 3. What are some things I do well?
- 4. What is my wish?
- 5. Who is a person or persons I admire?
- 6. What is my favorite food?
- 7. What do I like most about our school?
- 8. What do I like to do for fun?
- 9. Anything special I would like to include about myself.

Born on	at	(time)
At		(hospital)
Age birth to 1		

Age 1 to 2 _____

Age 2 to 3_____

Age 3 to 4_____

Age 4 to 5_____

Age 5 to 6_____

Age 6 to 7_____

Age 7 to 8_____

Age 8 to 9_____