

## Non-Food Alternatives to Celebrating Student Birthdays at Herbert Mills

- **Non-Food Trinkets:** Such as pencils, erasers, coloring books, etc.
- **Book Donation:** To our school library or their teacher's classroom library. Mrs. Messick has special nameplates your child's name can be put on to be recognized.
- **Board Game Donation:** Classrooms are always looking for items to help entertain students on those rough weather days where we need to remain inside for recess. The office has nameplates that can be placed on the box so that your child can be recognized.
- **Recess Donation:** Recess equipment gets used up quickly with over 400 students using items daily. Donate a jump rope, basketball, soccer ball, etc. in your child's honor.
- **Guest Reader:** Volunteer to come into your child's classroom to be a special guest reader and share a birthday story. There are lots of great books that can be shared, and our staff would be happy to make a recommendation if needed.
- **Show and Tell:** Ask your child's teacher if your child may bring in special items to show and tell their classmates about. Things such as baby photos, or a souvenir from a vacation, etc. are fun ways to let their classmates and teacher know more about them.