

# Non-Food Student Reward Ideas

FROM "HEALTHY CHILD AND EARTH" ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

## Group/Class Rewards

- Pick different seats to sit in for a day
- Teacher wearing a silly outfit or hat (let the class decide...maybe even wearing a wedding dress to school!)
- Lunch in the classroom (while watching cartoons!)
- Dress up days...let the class vote!
  - Pajama day (can also incorporate sleeping bags/blankets)
  - Crazy hair day
  - Farmer day
  - Stuffed animal day
  - Backward day (wear clothes backward and even follow the class schedule backward!)
  - Camp out day (kids bring sleeping bags and teacher brings a tent)
  - Hat day

## Individual Rewards

- Lunch or recess time with the principal
- Books donated to the school library in the student's honor with a guest reader to read them to the class
- Extra computer time
- Go to "specials" (like P.E. or computers) with a friend's class instead of your own
- Sit with a friend from another class at lunch
- Gift certificate to the school store
- Lunch with the teacher
- Sit in the teacher's chair or at their desk for the day
- Use a rolling chair/stool at your own desk for the day
- Sit next to a friend instead of in your own seat for the day
- Be the "special helper" for the day (running errands to the office, line leader, etc.)
- Name read over morning announcements
- Student asked to actually read the morning announcements
- Choose the story for story time
- Let a student be the "principal for the day" or the "assistant principal for the day" or even "teacher for the day" (or just for an assignment)
- "Stinky feet" which means you get to take your shoes off in class
- Pick something out of a treasure box with prizes like stickers, pencils, erasers, toothbrushes, silly bands, etc.
- Give out "play money" to students that they can spend in a class-wide auction later in the year (auction items can include games, books, etc. and be donated by parents)
- "Family night" bags that kids get to borrow from the teacher for the evening including "lego night" and "movie night"

## Birthday Celebrations

- Recess (balls, hula hoops, etc.) equipment donated in student's honor...could be wrapped as a birthday gift
- Small goodie bags with stickers/pencils/activities/glow sticks given out to classmates

- Birthday card(s) made by the other students
- Popcorn birthday parties in the cafeteria (popcorn is a whole-grain food)
- New book donated to class library by birthday student with their parent as the guest reader

**Classroom Celebrations/Activities** (that take away from instructional time)

- Book swap party (each child brings a book they no longer want and "trades" with their classmates)
- An art or craft party (make art out of trash! each student brings in a toilet paper roll, empty jar, etc. to decorate)
- A game the class plays together (like bingo or kickball)
- If it's warm outside...water play in bathing suits
- Plant some flowers or plants together at the school
- Paint birdhouses together to put up at the school
- Dance party with music
- Film a short digital video/documentary as a class (for e.g. each student answers a question for the camera) then watch it together afterward
- Popcorn party (popcorn is a whole-grain food) served in "popcorn cones" that the kids make themselves out of paper
- Paint 1 of 4 new rain barrels for the school
- Extra playground time
- Afternoon movie (as an individual reward one student could be allowed to select and bring in the movie for the class)