## Class Parties / Special Celebrations

We understand that around certain special days such as Religious holidays, Valentine's Day, Halloween, birthdays and more, classrooms like to build community. At Linden Meadows we value the building of community and we plan to honour this important part of creating a classroom environment by having special games and centers. We may ask from time to time for families to send a "special" healthy snack for your child. Our focus will be on healthy snacks, and may include veggies, fruit, cheese, crackers, etc. Out of respect for children with food allergies, we ask that families not provide a snack for the whole classroom unless it is safe for everyone. We strongly encourage families to please contact the classroom teacher before any sharing of food is done as the teacher is the person most aware of how to keep all of our children safe.

Beginning in 2019-2020, we are asking families not to send candy to school (ie. at Valentine's Day, birthdays or Halloween). If you wish to have your child share a special something with the class, we ask that you send a non-food item. Some families make a donation of a book to the classroom library in honour of their child's birthday and this is something that is much appreciated by the children and staff alike.

