

## **Classroom Holiday Parties General Information**

Thank you for volunteering to be a Room Parent! Room parties for the 2009-10 school year holidays will be held on the following dates:

**Halloween:**                October 29 or October 30 (Date and time tbd by teacher)

**Winter Holiday:**        December 17

**Valentine's Day:**        February 12

The Room Parent will work with the teacher to determine the time and duration of the parties during these half days. Parties are usually 45 minutes to an hour in length.

The holiday parties are the responsibilities of the Room Parents, not the teachers. However, please communicate with the teacher to determine his/her preferences. Contact the parents who volunteered to assist Room Parents (i.e., those who turned in a yellow "Room Helper Interest Sheet") with parties. You don't have to do it all!

Other Room Parents are a great resource! Ask for assistance, tips, or suggestions from your Room Parent peers from other grades. Many of them have experience with a variety of ages.

### **Tips for successful classroom parties:**

- Make them creative, memorable, and above all, FUN!
- Consider an age-appropriate format:
  - Younger kids (K-2) grades often enjoy a three-station party:  
1) Create/eat snack; 2) Play active game(s); 3) Make a craft or art project.
  - Older kids (3-5) may enjoy a longer time on one, more involved activity, followed by a snack.
- Keep the kids busy and active.
- Focus on the kids "doing" rather than "getting."

### **Helpful websites:**

<http://familyfun.go.com/>  
<http://www.childfun.com/>  
<http://www.giftideacenter.com/Holidays/holidays.htm>  
<http://www.kidsdomain.com/>