

ALLERGEN FREE CLASSROOM INFORMATION
For Students Who are in Designated Allergen Free Classrooms

We are writing to ask for your assistance in a very sensitive matter. There are classmates of your child who are medically diagnosed with severe food allergies. For the safety of these students, it will be necessary to designate _____'s classroom as a "_____." We are asking parent/guardians of all students who are in this classroom to **refrain from bringing into the classroom foods that contain _____**. To help you with this, we are attaching a copy of our school's approved snack list. This list contains foods considered to be safe for the students with food allergies in our classroom.

INDIVIDUAL SNACK

Your child's individual snack brought into the classroom can be anything you like as long as it is allergen free. **Example:** If your child is in a nut free classroom, please refrain from sending in food that contains nuts or nut oils. Although you are not bound to this list, it is strongly **suggested** that you use the attached list as a **guide** for food sent into the classroom for your child's individual snack.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We would like you to strongly consider options for celebrating which do NOT involve bringing food items into the classroom. However, if you decide to bring in food for your child's birthday celebration, **THIS FOOD MUST COME FROM THE ATTACHED LIST.** *Please note that the snack foods listed are manufacturer specific.

LUNCHTIME

There are **NO RESTRICTIONS** on the food you send in for your child to eat at lunch. In accordance with parents and medical orders, procedures have been implemented to provide a safe environment at lunch for those students in our school with identified food allergies. Each of these identified students has an individual care plan.

SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS (celebrations which are school initiated)

Specific school initiated celebrations must be coordinated between the principal, teacher, parent of allergic child, and homeroom parent if they are involved in the purchase of the food.

If it becomes necessary for you to send your child to school with items for his/her individual snack and/or birthday celebration that contain _____, please **WRITE A NOTE IN ADVANCE** to the teacher indicating this so that the appropriate precautions may be implemented. **Please do not send these foods in to school for snack or birthday celebrations without prior approval from the teacher.**

If food containing _____ is sent in for individual snack and/or birthday celebrations, and no prior approved arrangements have been made, it will be removed from the classroom and you will be notified.

Our goal is to keep all our children healthy and safe by providing, as best we can, a school environment around which all our students can eat, play, and learn.