

2023-24 GREEN GUIDE for LINCOLN ROOM FAMILIES

One of District 90's 12 Core Values/Commitments is: We believe in ensuring a sustainable future for and with our students. *We will model sustainable practices for our students and community, and we will provide opportunities to learn about and engage in sustainable practices.*

With this in mind, the Lincoln Green4Good committee extends our thanks for your important volunteer support in the classroom. We hope the following information is helpful as it relates to the District's commitment to modeling sustainable practices. Please reach out to us if you have any questions!

HOSTING CLASSROOM PARTIES

Decorations

- Avoid using plastic, single-use tablecloths. Bring a fun tablecloth from home or just skip it.
- Use reusable decorations from home or natural decorations which can be taken home or composted at the end of the party (i.e. pumpkins, flowers, pinecones, etc.).

Activities & Prizes

Games and activities are always the highlight of classroom parties. While prizes are a big part of this, we encourage everyone to consider alternatives to the plastic toys and trinkets that hold our kids' attention for such a short time but live forever in our landfills.

An alternative:

Offer a stamp or sticker for completing each activity, and then give a single prize at the end if all activities are completed. Or even better, reward completing all activities with a special, non-material bonus in the classroom – perhaps extra reading time, free time, homework pass, etc. Collaborate with your child's teacher for ideas that would be appropriate and acceptable.

Clean Up

Make use of the in-room recycling bins. As a reminder, recyclable items include: paper, newspaper, cardboard boxes, aluminum cans, clean tin foil, glass, and empty and clean rigid plastic containers.

Items you may use which are NOT recyclable and should be placed in the trash: art supplies not listed above, flimsy plastic, including plastic shopping bags (these are recyclable only at collection sites, such as at Jewel or Target).

Thanks so much for giving these ideas consideration. If you have any questions, comments, or ideas to share, please contact us!

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