

DON'T STOP THE PARTY! YEAR LONG CELEBRATIONS

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End of the Year Celebration Ideas

- **Scavenger Hunt**- Send out the list ahead of time to parents to make sure they have the items. You can even get them involved!
- **Virtual Field Day** - Make a list of the events and send out to kids ahead of time. Have the kids measure out the distance they'll need to run, items they'll need to have, and with whom they'll be competing. You could even send out small items they might need like balloons, straws, copy paper, or cookies.
- **Class awards**
- **Superlatives** -Have class decide superlatives for their classmate. I gave a name and the kids gave me their "most likely" futures. They had to be kind. I took the top choices and I choose from those to give awards on the last day of school.
- **Dance parties**- Send out glow sticks and even hold a later party so it's dark enough to see the lights.
- **Virtual Quiz Game**- Host a virtual quiz game show reviewing info from the whole year
- **Pictures**- Have parents take pictures of their kids dressed to impress and use it as your end of the year picture.
- **Dress-Up**- Dress in the colors of the rainbow a day. Put the pictures together in color order to form the colors of a rainbow using the pictures and the kids in their brights.
- **Themes**- Have kids come up with the themes and dress up as a class. Give awards to the best dressed, best effort, most creative.
- **Guests**- Reach out to celebrities to see if they can Crash your Zoom or send the kids a quick video message

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Year Long Celebrations - Always done with Authenticity and a positive Attitude

- **Publishing Parties** to celebrate the accomplishment of going through the writing process. Invite parents and admin so your classroom has an established sense of a shared space.
 - Think of fun themes that correspond to your own life's events.
 - Ex: your birthday, the end of a personal goal accomplishment, holidays, school breaks, color themes,
- **Surprise behavior incentive parties**- Have kids swept away to enjoy a little time away. This can be elaborate, with an extended play time, donuts in the yard, or a "shoot your own video" set up. Half parties - Teach kids and adults to celebrate the journey. You might not be there yet, but you have earned this recognition. Let's take this time to shout!! Hall races to celebrate quick accomplishments
- **Tea Parties (SEL)** - Everyone loves to get the "tea" Use this time to teach kids how to celebrate positive events and gratitude. This doesn't have to be done with literal tea, but it makes for authenticity, You can try new flavors and regions of tea during these events
- **Time to do nothing**- All celebrations don't have to involve music and excitement- sometimes we just need to chill.
- **Spontaneous glow parties**
- **Lunch is on me today**
- **Time to get away**- you can provide a quiet space for kids to have their own celebration in their own way