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Easy rewards for children:

**Toys**
- Slinkies
- Yo-yos
- Stickers
- Bubble fluid and wand
- Marbles
- Paddleballs
- Jacks

**Physical Activity Gear**
- Jump rope
- Water bottle
- Frisbee
- Pedometer
- Hacky Sacks

**School Supplies**
- Pens
- Pencils
- Scissors
- Notebooks
- Crayons
- Bookmarks
- Rulers
- Markers

**Recognition**
- Note of praise from the teacher
- Photo recognition board
- Certificate, plaque, sticker or ribbon

**Privileges**
- Working at the school store
- Helping the teacher
- Taking care of the class animal
- Going first
- Reading to a younger class
- Running errands to the office
- Reading the school-wide morning announcements
- Having extra computer or reading time
- Getting a book from the library

**Class rewards**
- Field trip
- A song or dance by the teacher
- Holding class outside
- Eating lunch outside

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Party IDEAS

A time to celebrate a birthday, a holiday or other special event is a time to try a new approach.

**Give the class:**
- A CD of children’s songs
- A book in honor of the birthday child
- An educational board game
- A jigsaw puzzle
- Flower bulbs, cups & dirt

**When food is an option, think fun, crunch, and color. New things and food from different cultures enhance learning. In-season fruits and veggies save money.**

**In-season ideas:**
- Fall – Pears
- Winter – Clementines
- Spring – Strawberries
- Apples
- Grapes
- Bananas
- Kiwi
- Baby Carrots
- Fruit smoothie
- Applesauce like Mott’s Healthy Harvest or Fruit Cups (in juice) like Dole or Del Monte

- 100% fruit juice popsicles like Breyers or Dole “No Added Sugar”
- Bagel with low fat cream cheese
- Veggie tray with low fat dressing
- Low-fat yogurt
- Trail mix with Raisins
- Pita with hummus
- Low-fat milk
- Tortillas with salsa or bean dip
- Low-fat string cheese with whole grain crackers like Triskets or Wheat Thins

**Read a special story**

**Teach an easy craft**

**Take a fun class picture and frame it**