

The Kindergarten Giving Tree

Teachers: Are you tired of receiving boxes of candies as special gifts?
Let Families Know what is on Your Real Kindergarten Wish List
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Several times a year, our kindergarten teachers display a large "Giving Tree" on the bulletin board outside of their classroom using apples or hearts. Each apple or heart is attached with removable tape and added to the tree, requesting a specific item needed in kindergarten - some small items and some large. **A topiary plant or twig tree with requests tied on hearts also works well. We make it easy for parents to help by being very specific.**

Parents can see the tree next to the kindergarten door—and at any time if they want to give a special gift—they can give what is most needed and appreciated. Parents remove the apple or heart to fulfill the wish. **Most parents, and even grandparents, are happy to donate items to help their child's wonderful kindergarten teacher and program.** The simplest idea yet? Place sticky notes with wishes around the door at Open House. How easy is that?



Kindergarten Giving Tree Wish List Ideas

These are some of the items teachers put on their giving tree:

- Q-tips
- Hand sanitizer
- White paper towels
- Baby wipes
- Joy dish soap
- Glitter and/or glitter glue—any color
- Small one-inch stickers
- Cotton balls
- White basket-style coffee filters
- Empty paper towel rolls
- Empty toilet paper rolls
- Empty filter egg cartons
- Empty pint and quart-size milk cartons
- White 6 to 8 oz. plastic cups
- One large package of white napkins
- White paper plates
- Plastic spoons
- Straws
- Tongue depressors
- Old magazines such as: *National Geographic, Ranger Rick, Highlights, etc.*
- Unscented shave cream (it's a writing activity)
- Gallon size resealable freezer bags
- Resealable sandwich bags
- Business size envelopes
- Small animal stickers
- Used greeting cards
- Old stationary

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What additional items would you ask parents to donate?

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