



GUIDELINES FOR SPONSORSHIP TOYS, MATERIALS AND ENTERTAINMENT

We are very happy to provide support for your event. To make it easier for you, we've compiled a list of acceptable toys and entertainment options. If you would like to purchase a toy or use entertainment that is not on this list (and is sponsored by F5MC funds) - please first check with Kim at kim@first5monterey.org.

GIVEAWAY TOYS & MATERIALS

Below is a list of F5MC "approved" toys and materials that can be purchased to giveaway to young children (0-5). Please make sure they are all appropriate for children 5 and under. Please make sure there are no little pieces that could cause a young child to choke. (Many toys have labels showing the appropriate ages.)

Arts & Crafts

Ideas: For 4-5 year olds - you can buy several of the items listed below and combine in a little bag or box. Please make sure all of the ingredients are safe. *Sometimes it's better to buy the name brand rather than an unknown brand from a \$1 store.*

1. Safety scissors
2. Paper: Drawing paper, (blank paper pad), construction paper pad, or coloring books (for 4-5 year olds)
3. Play dough (non-toxic)
4. Large crayons: (i.e. Crayola brand crayons have safe non-toxic ingredients)
5. Paints: finger paint, watercolor, tempera paints (all materials must be non-toxic)
6. Large chalk (non-toxic)

Toys (For children ages 0-5)

1. Blocks: soft blocks (made of cloth), wood, foam, cardboard (baby bricks), or colorful blocks of different shapes
2. Large colorful building blocks (like Lego's or Mega Blocks – look for the ages on packaging)
3. Stacking cups (Stack 'n Nest Cups)
4. Soft toys or dolls (no eyes or pieces that are easily removable)
5. Age appropriate puzzles – wooden, cloth, foam, or cardboard
6. Stuffed animals (no eyes or pieces that are easily removable)
7. Hand or finger puppets
8. Stringing toys - like sewing with wooden needle in blocks or a frame
9. Push trains or cars (like Tonka's for toddlers)
10. Pull back and go animals or cars
11. Toddler manipulative: blocks, rings, different shapes that connect
12. Balls: particularly large balls
13. Costumes for dress up (be creative – the children will be)
14. Little housekeeping, kitchen (plastic or wooden food, cups, bowls...) or building sets (tools – play hammers, screwdriver...).

ENTERTAINMENT

For pre-school children, keep the entertainment simple.

1. Music for young children (simple fun songs that are interactive with dance or hand motions)
2. Puppetry
3. Magician that does very simple tricks or shapes with balloons
4. Face painting
5. Juggler

Clowns

Young children are sometimes afraid of large-headed characters or heavy face make-up. Young children like princesses, princes, super heroes, and just ordinary roles that they see in their everyday lives - like mom's, dad's, firefighters, and teachers. Clowns with little or no face makeup may work (the classic clown with the white face paint would not be appropriate)

Petting Zoo's and Pony Rides

About petting zoo's and pony rides: We value animals and think it's very important for children to be exposed to a wide range of animals. Based on information from The Humane Society of the United States, we are concerned about the heightened risk of disease at petting zoo's (specifically E.coli) and of the inhumaneness of petting zoos and pony rides on the quality of lives of these animals. Because of these reasons - we will not sponsor these activities.