

The Twelve Days of Christmas...for Teachers

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Talk to the room mothers about your gift service. Many parents these days simply contribute money to a general gift fund for the teacher, and the room mothers

purchase gifts from the class. Last year, parents in my children's classes donated an average of \$10, resulting in \$150-\$200 for the teachers' Christmas gifts. I created a 12 Days Gift Bag for each, and simply changed the gift tags to say, "On the first day of Christmas, my students gave to me..." Can you imagine the chatter in the hallways as I walked in with these bags, overflowing with fluff, cellophane, and curling ribbon?! The teachers were instructed to open one gift per school day, beginning on the 12th day before Christmas break. And if they forgot, the students reminded them! One teacher referred to her bag as her "Mary Kay-mas" gifts!

Suggested gift items:

Gloves with Hand Cream Past PCP gift premiums (Eyeshadow Quads, Travel Microdermabrasion, Travel-size Satin Hands, Cosmetic Bag filled with samples) Tinted Lip Balm Lip Gloss

Energizing Lotion for Feet and Legs in a pair of Christmas socks Oil Free Eye Makeup Remover Ultimate Mascara

Satin Lips Mask and Balm

Coffee Mug with Gourmet Cocoa and a purse-size Hand/Decollete Cream *Tweak it to work within your budget. I was about \$20 short on each gift, so I considered the \$10 wholesale plus the packaging to be my contribution.

Teacher Survival Kit

Here's another fun option: Wrap a sturdy shoe box with "teacher-y" paper, or use paper in the primary colors of red, yellow, and blue. Put packing peanuts in the bottom of the box and top it with shred, to make it look full. Wrap these products in red/yellow/blue tissue and ribbon, and (1)attach Survival Kit 12 Day gift cards, OR (2) wrap the whole thing in cellophane, add a Survival Kit note, and present it all at once!

- 1. "Pencil" ~ Taupe or Deep Brown Eye Pencil
- 2. "Crayon" ~ Apricot Glaze Lipstick or Fancy Nancy Lip Gloss
- 3. "Paints" ~ Spun Silk, Hazelnut, and Ivy Garden Eye Shadows, Sparkling Cider Cheek Color
- 4. "Carrying Case" ~ Compact and Applicators
- 5. "Glue" ~ Eye Primer
- 6. "Eraser"~ Concealer
- 7. "Pen" ~ Highlighting Pen
- 8. "Coat" ~ Mascara
- 9. "Playground Duty Must-Haves" ~ Satin Lip Balm and Energizing Lotion for Feet and Legs
- 10. "Gym Class Cleanup" ~ 2-in-1 Body Wash and Shave
- 11. "Nap Time" ~ Indulge Soothing Eye Gel (aka "Nap in a Jar")
- 212. "Break Room Goodies" ~ Mug with Cocoa and peppermint candies
- Add a personal thank you note, plus a gift certificate for a holiday makeover or "CLASS!"!



On the First Day of Christmas, my students gave to me...a PENCIL to line my eyes!



On the Seventh Day of Christmas, my students gave to me... a PEN for highlighting!



