# **Complete Kids' Birthday Party Checklist**

Need a party planner for your child's birthday? Whether you start 4 months before the big day, throw it together in 2 weeks, here is a list of things to do to throw a successful birthday party.

#### **SIX WEEKS BEFORE**

Choose a theme with your child

Determine the guest list

Reserve your party venue or hire a party entertainer

### FOUR WEEKS BEFORE

Prepare your invitations

- Ask for an updated class list from your child's teacher
- Determine games, activities and menu to match your party theme
- If ordering a cake, place your order

#### **THREE WEEKS BEFORE**

Mail invitations

Purchase party supplies, especially if ordering on-line

Arrange for extra help, if necessary

#### **ONE OR TWO WEEKS BEFORE**

Create a party flow schedule

- Purchase more party supplies as needed
- Call families who have not yet responded to your invitation

#### **THREE DAYS BEFORE**

- Purchase food
- Purchase batteries for camera
- Charge video camera
- Call entertainer to confirm appearance and expectations
- Call party venue to confirm all details
- Assemble party favors

#### **ONE OR TWO DAYS BEFORE**

Bake cake or pick up pre-ordered cake

- Confirm help if using extra help
- Decorate home or gather decorations for party venue

#### Prepare make-ahead food

#### **ONE WEEK AFTER**

Send thank you notes!

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