



Jewelry Shop for Mom

TIPS FOR YOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Let the children know a couple of weeks in advance about the event and what criteria it will take to earn a ticket to the shop. (i.e. improved attendance, improved grades, improved efforts, demonstrated acts of kindness, etc.). Remember we are trying to teach a lesson about earning and not give about receiving.
- Decide in advance how to handle those children that might not have “qualified”. (One Atlanta principle still let all of the kids participate at the end. However, there were several children that did not technically qualify. In these cases, she used the event to have a discussion with the child about trying harder next time. In another school, the principle was tough with the guidelines and only wanted the kids that actually qualified to participate as a reward vs. a giveaway to all.
- Take control of the teachers and other school employees. Decide in advance if the teachers and other school employees should participate at the end of the day when the children have finished. If so, limit their selection to one item.
- Make up some form of paper “ticket”/ card and distribute them to the children to be filled out with their name BEFORE they come into the shop. This is their “money” (which they earned) to purchase a gift. We have attached a sample tag/ticket.
- Make sure the kids know that they can shop for any special lady – it doesn’t have to be a mother. Also make sure they understand, they are NOT shopping for themselves. The lesson is about working hard, earning something, and then having the pleasure of giving a gift to someone else.
- Set up in a room (an auditorium, library, corner of the lunch room, etc.) that will be available all day. All the volunteers will need are tables. The volunteers will bring all the rest of the supplies that they will need.
- Put together a schedule. Classes should come in at 20 minute intervals. Make sure that the prior class is finished and that every student has selected a gift and had it wrapped before opening up the shop for the next class.