Hi All:

Halloween and those treasured room parties are in a few weeks!  Here are's  some party pack reminders to help you get started with creating a low waste class party:

***1.  Double check the quantities of all party packs.*** The vast majority  of the packs were supplied with 30 items.  Polkow and Wood  have 36  and 3 or 4 smaller classes have 24.  IMPORTANT: I KNOW one pack is  missing 6 cups.  Please double check and contact me if you don't have enough items.

***2.  Wash all the items in a dishwasher prior to using them.***

***3.  Store the clean items DRY in the DRY and CLEAN storage box  provided until the  party.***

***4.  If time allows, introduce the party pack to the students before  the party and talk about the waste reduction that will happen if we use the party packs.***You could ask the class this question: “Hey Kids, how much garbage do you think we saved by using reusable cups and plates today?” answer “At least one huge garbage bag”, then follow up with “How much money do you think was saved by using reusable cups and plates?”, Answer “Each party pack cost $45, to buy disposable stuff for the party it would cost $20. Can you create a math problem based on this information if we have 3 parties a year? The teacher may want to do this as a separate class project, so speak to them about the plans.

***5.  Place dirty items in the storage bin provided or a separate sack.***

***6.  Wash the party pack items at home in the dishwasher after each use.*** Wash the storage bin whenever it gets contaminated by food or by dirty hands.

***7.  Store the clean items DRY in the DRY and CLEAN storage box provided until the next party.***

COMMON SENSE CLEANLINESS and PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF GERMS/ILLNESS:

***A.  When handling food or items for serving food, ALWAYS wash your hands; or use plastic serving gloves if available.*** Your hands are one of the primary transmitters of viral and bacterial infections (along with sneezes and coughs).  So when

handling clean, ready to use party pack items, wash your hands!  Whether transferring the clean items to the party pack, getting the party pack ready for  storage or distributing the plates and cookies on the big party day,

wash you hands.

***B.  Never store items dirty or wet.*** Viruses and bacteria need a  source of "food" to remain alive, moisture and food particles provide that.  Store things clean and dry.

Thanks for using the party packs and promoting a less wasteful classroom! Our role modeling of reuse helps children to see other alternatives.

Sincerely,

Ainsworth Green Team