<u>Pointers For Parents</u> Tips For A Great Birthday Party

(NAPSA)—The next time you're planning a birthday celebration for your child, you may want to keep these tips in mind:

1. Plan ahead—Send out invitations four to six weeks in advance allowing time for replies. Once you get an idea of how many people are planning to attend, make sure you book your venue and order a cake accordingly.



Set the tone for a great birthday party with invitations that reflect your child's personality.

2. Pick a theme—Whether it's Thomas the Train, princesses or cowboys—use your child's playtime favorites as inspiration for a party theme.

3. Select the perfect invite— An invitation sets the tone, so select quality invitations that reflect your child's favorites—like colors and themes. Stationery experts such as Tiny Prints (www.tinyprints.com) offer themed birthday invitations and designs that let you add your child's photo.

4. Plan activities—That will keep everyone having fun.

5. Remember to send thanks —After the party, encourage your child to handwrite thank-you notes. Online retailers such as Tiny Prints even offer "fill-in-theblank" thank-you notes that allow any child able to hold a pencil to give thanks.