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SS 2017 **SECRET** AMIGOS

## CALENDAR

MONDAY: Introduction - Go over Secret Amigo criteria

TUESDAY: Find out who your Secret Amigo is

**1st clue and compliment due Wednesday**

WEDNESDAY: GIVE CLUE # 1. **SHH...** During school, *secretly* give the 1st clue and compliment

**2nd clue and compliment due Thursday**

THURSDAY: GIVE CLUE # 2. **SHH....** During school, secretly give your 2nd clue and compliment

**3rd clue and compliment due FRIDAY**

FRIDAY: GIVE CLUE #3 **SHHHH....** During school, secretly give your 3rd clue and compliment:

**4th clue and compliment due MONDAY**

MONDAY: GIVE CLUE # 4 **SHHHH....** During school, secretly give your 4th clue and compliment:

**FINAL clue, card and tchotchke due TUESDAY**

**Make sure your tchotchke is wrapped**

TUESDAY: Give 5<sup>th</sup> (final) clue and card (with compliment in it) and tchotchke! Read directions!

## SECRET AMIGO CLUES

Your clues **MUST be written in complete sentences.**

Your clues should be interesting and teach your amigo about you.

- o NOT SO GOOD = I like ice cream
- o BETTER = I like my ice cream smooth. I don't like any hard objects in it like nuts, chips, etc.
- o BETTER = I have been known by my family to eat such large quantities of ice cream that they only get flavors I don't like

**Your clues should not be too vague or too specific. For example:**

- o TOO VAGUE: I am a human being
- o TOO SPECIFIC: My first name begins with an F and has nine letters in it. My last name rhymes with shark.

o BETTER: When I was a baby my first word was “more”. My mother told me that it gave her a big clue into how I was going to be my whole life

## SECRET AMIGO COMPLIMENTS

You must give at least one DETAILED and SPECIFIC complement each day next week. The final compliment will go in a handmade card.

Your compliments must include at least one supporting detail. Your compliments must be written in complete sentences.

o NOT SO GOOD: You are nice.

o BETTER: You always say positive comments to people.

o BETTER: You are kind and you stick up for others. You asked me to play tag when I was all by myself and you stick up for me and other people if we get teased.

## SECRET AMIGO TCHOTCHKE

Our Secret Amigo Ceremony will be on TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>.

Everyone will have a chance to stand in front of the class and say, “I think my Secret Amigo is....

We will then do a drum roll, and say, “Will the real Secret Amigo please stand up?”

After the Secret Amigo stands up, he or she will give a tchotchke.

WHAT IS A TCHOTCHKE? *noun* - Pronounced CHOCH-KEE

*YIDDISH: an inexpensive souvenir, gift, trinket, or ornament.*

**WHAT IS ALLOWED AS A TCHOTCHKE FOR THE SECRET AMIGO?**

1. Something you make. EX: baked good, painting, duct tape item, origami, drawing, song you write about the person, poem, etc.

2. Something *you own* and would like to give. EX: good book you know amigo doesn’t have and might want, almost new stuffed animal, knick-knack (like the things on my shelf), etc.

The tchotchke should be thoughtful – but not expensive. You may not spend more than a dollar. If it is something you make, like a drawing, it should be carefully done. It should be in COLOR. If it is something you wrote, it should be neatly written or typed. If you already owned the object, it should be in good shape. Don’t forget, you need to wrap it before you give it on Tuesday.