

With Halloween fast approaching, please keep this in mind:

The child who is grabbing more than one piece of candy may have poor fine motor skills. The child who takes forever to pick out one piece of candy may have motor planning issues. The child who does not say "Trick or Treat" or "Thank you" may be non-verbal. The child who looks disappointed when they see your bowl of candy may have a food allergy. The child who isn't wearing a costume at all might have sensory processing issues or autism.

**Be Kind. Be Patient.
It's Everyone's Halloween.**



Tips to make this Halloween More Inclusive:

- * Offer non-food treats in addition to candy (stickers, glow sticks, pencils)
- * Give kids plenty of time to choose or hand them something from your bowl
- * Smile at the trick or treaters, but don't be offended if they don't smile back
- * Don't expect anything in return for candy, (including a "Thank you")
- * If you don't know what to say, just say "Happy Halloween!" or "Have fun!"
- * Get down low to their level to pass out candy if you can