
Eloise's Birthday
Adventure!



It was a bright and happy morning at Maple Street Preschool. But today wasn't just any day. It was Eloise's fourth birthday!

As soon as she stepped into the classroom, her friends and teachers cheered. "Happy Birthday, Eloise!"

Ms. Mei, Ms. Amara, and Ms. Clara had hung balloons and shiny streamers everywhere. But something else caught Eloise's eye. A big, mysterious scroll was sitting on the teacher's desk.

"What's this?" Eloise asked, picking it up and unrolling it.



Her eyes widened. "It's a treasure map!"

Ms. Clara smiled. "It looks like you're going on a birthday adventure. Follow the clues and see where they take you."

Eloise's classmates crowded around, all eager to help.

"The first clue points to the reading corner!" said Theo, pointing to the first picture on the map.

The children hurried to the cozy reading corner. Maisie and Henry searched under the cushions, while Theo and Nora peeked behind the bookshelf.



"I found something!" Felix shouted, holding up a tiny golden key that had been hidden between two storybooks.

Jasper turned it over in his hand. "But what does it open?"

Nobody knew yet. Eloise checked the map again. "The next clue is at the art center!"

At the art center, Ava and Leo spotted a small box of puzzle pieces.



Max and Arlo clicked the pieces into place. "Look! It's a picture of the playground!" Lila said when they finished.

"That must be where we need to go next," said Max.





The whole class followed Ms. Mei outside to the playground. Balloons bobbed along the fence, and one of them had a little note tied to its string. Zoe and Sam pulled it down, and Sam read the note out loud:

"Look under the biggest tree for the treasure you seek!"

"I know which tree is the biggest!" Ivy called, already running toward the tall oak at the edge of the playground. Everyone followed. There, tucked beneath its branches, was a wooden chest.

"We found it!" Ivy shouted.



Everyone gathered around. Eloise knelt down, slid the golden key into the lock, and turned it. Click! The lid swung open.

Inside was a sparkly crown and a badge that read: Birthday Adventurer!

Ms. Mei placed the crown on Eloise's head while Ms. Amara pinned the badge to her dress.

"You followed every clue and found your treasure," Ms. Clara said. "Happy birthday, Eloise."

Everyone clapped and cheered.

Just then, Ms. Amara rolled out a cart of cupcakes with yellow frosting and purple candles.

"And now," she announced, "it's time for birthday treats!"



Back in the classroom, the children sat in a circle as Ms. Clara set a cupcake in front of Eloise.

Eloise took a deep breath and blew out her candle while her friends sang "Happy Birthday."

"This was the best birthday ever!" she said, and hugged everyone within reach.

That afternoon, Eloise wore her crown all the way home. The badge stayed pinned to her dress until bedtime.