

MOMMY POPPINS

7 Great Birthday Party Places for Preschoolers in New York City

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I go to kids birthday parties the way a 20 year old goes out clubbing. Lately it seems like the weekend just isn't complete without hitting at least one kiddy party where my 5 year old can get sugared-up, overstimulated and over-tired. Last weekend we had 4 (yes, in one weekend!) and I've been to over 50 separate preschool birthday parties since my son was a toddler.

From exorbitantly fancy parties with chocolate fountains to the most simple, classic kid parties, I think I've witnessed enough of the (sugar) highs and the tantrummy party lows to qualify as an expert when it comes to birthday party places in New York City. And, although I've never been to a bad party, there are definitely some places that stand out for the way that they handle the kids.

Which birthday party places in NYC rock? (Or got my son's top rating: "I didn't like this party....I LOVED this party!")

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When apple seeds first opened my son was invited to a "Jungle" birthday party that was all out fun. It was the first time my son ever thanked the host for inviting him! The entertainment never stopped, they made animal masks, practiced animal yoga and did some dancing and singing in the private party room after they played in the fantastic indoor playground. There were plenty of party helpers who interacted with and led the kids in activities. The whole place was over the top, the birthday cake was personalized and pastry-chef gorgeous. My favorite touch was the décor in the party room: the birthday child's name spelled out in huge silver helium balloons. The party is a little pricey but if you want a bash with all the bells and whistles for their special day – this is the place to go.

apple seeds, 10 West 25th Street

\$890 for the first ten children for a 90 minute party that includes everything: a balloon festooned room, personalized invitations, paper goods, food, beverages, cake and party favors. They offer many party themes.