



# SECRET AMIGO SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY:

During School: Find out who your Secret Amigo is. Discuss possible tchotchkes.  
P.S. Work: Make first clue and compliment – decide on final tchotchke. Due Monday.

## MONDAY:

During School: Shhhh... secretly give your 1st clue and compliment:  
P.S. Work: Create your second clue and compliment.

## TUESDAY:

In class: Give 2<sup>nd</sup> clue and compliment.  
P.S. Work – make third clue and compliment – work on final tchotchke.

WEDNESDAY: We are at Zoo, so it might be a little tricky.

Give 3<sup>rd</sup> clue and compliment.

P.S. Work – make fourth and final clue –complete and WRAP the final tchotchke. Make a card with the final compliment.

## THURSDAY: FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>!

In class: Give final clue – Secret Amigo Ceremony – Will the real secret Amigo please stand up? Give and receive tchotchke.

## SECRET AMIGO CLUES

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

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



- NOT SO GOOD = I like ice cream.
  
- BETTER = I like my ice cream smooth. I don't like any hard objects in it like nuts, chips, etc.
  
- 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:**

- TOO VAGUE: I am a human being/
- TOO SPECIFIC: My first name begins with an F and has nine letters in it. My last name rhymes with shark.
- 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 compliment on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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

- NOT SO GOOD: You are nice.
  
- BETTER: You always say positive comments to people while we are playing four square at recess.
  
- BETTER: You read out loud well during BUD NOT BUDDY. You always use just the right voice and you're loud and clear.

Compliments



Feel Good!

## SECRET AMIGO TCHOTCHKE

Our Secret Amigo Ceremony will be on THURSDAY, 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, 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. 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 Thursday.