

### **3rd Grade Christmas Party –Read ORANGE Party Direction Sheet 1<sup>st</sup> ☺.**

**Craft-** (15 min) Craft is not optional, please do it.

Kids will make a button wreath ornament. Give each child 1 bag, it has everything they need in it, including directions. Kids string buttons on pipe cleaner, then hook ends together to make a wreath. We won't use the red ribbon, kids can just take it home if they wish. *If there is time left over, please play I Spy. Call on 1 child to pick something they see in the room (they keep it secret). They say I spy with my eyes something that is \_\_\_\_\_. They give a clue. Other kids take turns guessing what it is.*

**Game Options-** *You will not be able to do ALL of these! Pick your favorites, enjoy☺ All activities can be shortened or extended 5 minutes if needed.* All activities can be done in station format, except 7 Up (best done as whole group).

**Snowball Relays**(15 min) Divide kids into 3 lines if entire class, 2 if doing stations. \*Adults blow up 6 balloons prior to starting.\*

1<sup>st</sup> Relay- Give each child a straw & cotton ball. Kids use the straw & suck up a cotton ball, walk down & back. Repeat until all in line have gone (if it drops, just tell them to pick up & continue).

2<sup>nd</sup> Relay –Add an egg carton to the turn around area for each line. Same basic relay but now they drop the cotton ball into an empty egg carton cup. The race continues until all 12 cups in the carton have at least 1 cotton ball in them.

3<sup>rd</sup> Relay- Kids hold balloon with knees & hop down/back. Repeat until all in line have gone.

4<sup>th</sup> Relay- Kids place balloon on top of paper plate, walk down & back balancing it on the plate (harder than it seems). Hand the plate/balloon to next person in line, continue until all have gone.

4<sup>th</sup> Relay- Over- Under Balloon Relay- Give each line a balloon. Kids move balloon over head, under legs all the way up and back the line.

5<sup>th</sup> Relay- Crazy Race- Kids put balloon under arm and tap head, then hop down & back, continue until all have gone.

***Do each relay more than one time each (they will get better & enjoy it more).***

**Guess Who**(charades)(10 min)- Have 1 child sit away from the group. Pick one word from the Guess Who Bag (contains themed items or people). The kids in the group will ALL act out the word & the child sitting away has to keep guessing until he guesses the correct word. OR if they are too rowdy, have 1 kid pick a card & come to the front to act it out, call on kids seated to take guesses. No kids may talk, just act it out. Adult picks a willing volunteer to be the next "guesser". Once they get the hang of it, you can time to see how many they can get in a minute. You could also divide the group into 2 groups (girls vs. boys) and see which group guesses it first or how many each group gets in 1 minute. Make sure an adult is the one counting/verifying correct answer & making sure no one cheats by talking☺.

**Trim the Tree** (10min)- Divide kids into 3 groups (if doing station format OR if class is small only divide into 2 groups), give each group 1 green streamer roll, lay out colored paper, bows, tape for groups to share. If doing stations, monitor how much streamer they use – you will run out if they use too much. Groups pick 1 child to be the tree. Other kids decorate the child as a tree. Tell kids each tree will be judged, so they try their best. At the end, (if doing whole group) the trees should parade around the room to applause. Give awards. (Tell what each tree was awarded such as- most creative, most colorful, best covered, best intact, most silly....)

**Heads Down 7 Up Christmas Style**(10 min) (best done as a whole group not station format)

-kids sit in their seats, with heads down & arms covering faces so they can't see.

-pick 7 kids to come to the front of the room

-adult says- "heads down all around"

- The children who are not selected then put their heads down, close their eyes. -The chosen seven circulate through the room, secretly setting an item on a student's desk and then returning to the front of the room.

-The adult then calls, "Heads up, seven up!"

- All children raise their heads and the seven who have an item on their desk stand up.

-Each in turn names the person they think left the item.

-Right or Wrong- nice try!

-Once all 7 have guessed, they become the new 7 and the game starts again.

***\*Please monitor the selection- make sure EVERYONE gets a chance, make sure to collect all 7up items.\****

**Deck the Halls** (10 min) Give each child a paper plate & have them take out their pencil. Tell them they will draw a Holiday item. Sounds easy right? Tell them they are going to have to follow & do what you ask. \*Please read the below carefully and give them time to do it, repeat the direction if they need it. \*They are not to take the paper plate off their head.\* 1. Put the paper plate on your head and hold it with one hand so it doesn't fall. 2. Take your pencil and draw a big triangle. 3. Inside the triangle draw 3 small circles. 4. Under the triangle draw a square. 5. Above the triangle draw a star. 6. What do you think we drew? 7. Take the paper plate down & let's look at our Christmas Trees. Have kids show each other, they should laugh, not a good looking Christmas Tree. ☺

\*If time permits, challenge the kids to see if they can do better, knowing what it is this time. Have them use the other side of the paper plate to try again. Reread the above directions.

**Pass The Present-** (5 min) (Right/Left Story) The Story is in Folder. Have the students stand or sit to make a big circle. Tell them you are going to read a story, and they have to help move the present every time they hear "RIGHT" they pass it to the right and every time they hear "LEFT" they pass it to the left. \*Please monitor while passing, you may have to remind them when & where to pass it. Read the story, whoever it lands on at the end gets served snack 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Time Filler Activity** —Please do as a whole class, if there is time before snack. **-Jokes/Tongue Twisters** (in folder)

**Snack is the last 10 minutes of the party.**