

1st Grade Christmas Party Directions---Read ORANGE SHEET 1st ©

Craft- (10 min) **Craft is not optional, please do it.**

Students will decorate round ornaments with provided sticker decorations. Give each child 1 ball, 1 string, & needed sticker decorations (1 small, 1 large sheet each). Remind them to be careful with them so they don't drop & break. They are to be unbreakable- but you never know ☺ Adults will likely have to thread ornaments. -If you have extra time read a provided story.

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.*

Snowball Relay (10 min) *Repeat ALL relays 2-3 times each, they will get better & enjoy it.

- Divide kids into 3 lines if doing entire class (2 lines if doing station format).
- Pick a spot that the kids all must go to before they turn around for the relay. Make sure they know where to walk to.
- Give 1st child a spoon & snowball (cotton ball). Kids walk down & back balancing snowball on spoon. If it falls, just tell them to pick it up & continue.
- Pass it to the next in line, continue until all have gone.
- Relay 2- Give each line a paper plate, kids walk down & back balancing snowball on the plate, continue until all have gone.
- Relay 3- Give each child their own snowball. Kids put it on their head – walk down & back, next in line goes, continue until all have gone.
- Relay 4- Kids keep their own snowball, they hold it between palms & hop down & back, next in line goes, continue until all have gone.
- Relay 5- Kids keep their own snowball, have them balance it on their shoulder, walk down & back, repeat.

***collect & throw away all used snowballs ☺**

Pass the Ornament (10 min)- Have kids sit or stand in a circle. Give each child a spoon. They will pass the ornament (mini pom-pom) using the spoon to the person beside them. Once they get the hang of it, you can add a 2nd & 3rd ornament so they have 2 or 3 being passed at one time. To make it harder, have an adult every once in a while, say "stop" "change direction". You can try to time them once they get the hang of it. Variation, make 2 circles and have them compete to see which group is the quickest, passing the ornament.

Stocking Stuffers (10 min)- Kids will try to guess what is in the stockings. Have kids pass the stockings, only 1 at a time around. Tell them to keep their guess in their head until everyone gets a chance to touch it. After everyone has felt the stocking, ask for volunteers to share guesses. Variation: divide kids into small groups and give each group a stocking to try to figure out. Remind kids the stockings don't open- Stop anyone from pulling them open ☺.

Stocking Answers 1- paper clips, 2-tinsel, 3- pennies, 4-puzzles, 5- bow, 6-eraser

Ornament TipToe (10 min) Divide kids in to 3 lines if doing whole class or 2 lines if doing stations. Kids must walk to designated point, turn around, and come back by ONLY stepping on 2 paper ornaments. *Don't fall off into the "Christmas Tree Forrest" (carpet ☺). Demonstrate how to step both feet on 1 ornament then reach and move 2nd ornament in front, then step on it. Make sure they don't use the paper ornaments like skates, should not slide, must take their time & step onto each one, 1 at a time.

Elf Escape (10 min) (hot/cold game) Select 1 child to stand in the hall. Hide the small elf figure somewhere in the room. Call the child from the hall in. Kids guide the child by saying 'hot' or 'cold' to locate the elf. The child who finds elf, can hide it next. Pick another child to go to the hall, continue as time permits.

Santa Says (5 min)- Simon Says but say "santa says". No kids get out, just continue to play

Silly Jingle Sticks (5 min)

You will need to ham it up! *Tell kids you have special magic shakers that can help you guess what they want to find in their stockings* (kids should be seated for this). If they get loud, tell them the shakers work best when quiet. You shake the maraca over their head 1 at a time & make up silly things they **would NOT like to get**.

Examples: old shoes, empty toothpaste, green beans, dirty socks, coal, mud, rocks, bugs, broken crayons, candy bar wrapper, ½ eaten tootsie roll, crunched up chips, ½ rotten apple, pizza crust, soggy oatmeal...

Action Cards (5 min) Kids can stand in a circle or at their desks. Pick a card- kids act out what it says (remind them to stay in their own area and not be wild so no one gets hurt).

Snack is the LAST 10 minutes of the party.

Time Filler Activities – Please do these if there is extra time. * Read A provided Christmas Story Book or 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.

Make sure to return books to the party bags please.