

2nd Grade Christmas Party---READ ORANGE party direction sheet 1st ☺.

Craft- (10 min) Craft is not optional, please do it. Kids will assemble candy cane ornaments. Give each child one bag, it contains all needed materials. Kids thread colored beads onto a pipe cleaner to make a candy cane ornament. 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 but Rudolph who stole your nose & Elf Escape are best done whole group.

Human Snowflake(10 min) Have kids make 2 large circles if doing whole class or 1 circle if doing stations. Each circle will have their own yarn ball. Give the yarn to one student to begin the snowflake. The first child holds the end of the yarn and ROLLS the yarn to another student (not beside them- across is best). As the yarn comes to each child, they hold & keep hold of a little part of it. Then roll it to another student. *It is important that the kids don't let go of their part.* Once all the kids have a piece of the yarn, you should have a unique snowflake in the middle of the circle. *Repeat if time allows, creating another unique/different snowflake.*

When finished PLEASE have 1 parent ROLL the yarn back into balls & return to bag they came in.

Snowball Relay (10 min) Divide the kids into 3 lines if entire class, 2 if doing stations. **Do EACH Relay at least 2 times.**

a. Put egg carton at each lines turn around point.

Relay 1- Put a bag of snowballs (cotton balls) in front of each line. Give the 1st person in line a spoon. 1st person picks up a snowball & balances it on the spoon, walks down to the egg carton & tries to drop the snowball into one of the open egg carton cups without lowering their arms below shoulder height. Return & repeat until egg carton has 1 snowball in each cup.

Relay 2- Hold 1 snowball between thumbs, hop down & drop it into empty egg carton cup without lowering arms below shoulder height, return & repeat until egg carton has 1 snowball in each cup.

Relay 3- Remove egg cartons. Hold 1 snowball between knees, hop down & back. Pass snowball to next person in line, repeat until all have gone.

Relay 4- Kids put 1 snowball balanced on the back of their hand (palm down), walk down & back. Pass to next in line, repeat until all have gone.

Relay 5 – Kids put 1 snowball on a spoon, walk sideways down & back. Pass spoon/snowball to next person in line, repeat until all have gone.

Rudolph Who Stole your Nose (10 min)

-Have kids sit at their desks. Select 4-5 kids to come to the front & turn so their backs are to the class & have the 4-5 kids CLOSE their eyes!

-Have these 4-5 kids hold a paper nose behind their back.

-Now tap 4-5 kids who are at their desks to come up and take 1 of the noses each and return to their seats & put the nose in their desk.

-Have the 4-5 Rudolphs (kids standing at the front of the room) open their eyes & turn around and adults say “Rudolph, Rudolph who stole your nose?”

-Each Rudolph can take 1 guess at who took their nose.

-*Right or wrong tell them good try*

-Now the 4-5 kids who stole the noses come to the front to be the new Rudolphs, repeat as time allows. ***Please make sure to collect all noses when finished & return to bag.**

Snow Scenes (10min)- *You must be able to control the kids with this activity or it will turn into a terrible mess for the teacher. Give each child a paper plate. You are going to tell them they can design a snow scene or snowman with shaving cream. BEFORE you give out the shaving cream, you must tell them they need to keep it on the plate, not touch anyone. *Ask the teacher 1st if the class can handle this type of activity. *Only put a quarter size amount of shaving cream on plates. A little goes a long way! Have kids use provided baby wipes to wipe off hands when finished.

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. Variation, you can pick 2 kids to go to the hall, to work together to find it.

Holiday Charades (5 min)- Adult selects one willing child to pick a card, child acts out Christmas word. Kids raise hands to guess, adult calls on children to give guesses. Child who guesses correctly can be the next person to pick a charade.

Ellie Elf- (5 min)- Ellie Elf is going on a trip and needs to pack. Kids take turns saying what she will pack, starting with something beginning with letter A. Say, “Ellie Elf is packing ____ (something that starts with A), next child says same thing but it must start with letter B.

Time Filler Activity – Please do if there is time before snack. Read a provided story 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.

Snack is the LAST 10 minutes of the party.