

4thGrade Christmas Party---Read ORANGE party direction sheet 1st ☺.

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

Ornament- Give each child 1 packet it contains 1 ornament, decorations, lacing string. Demonstrate how to lace the ornament. Kids can decorate it after lacing with the provided decorations. If kids have trouble threading string through holes, tape the end of the string with tape. *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 (7 Up is best done whole group).

Holiday Bingo(15 min) Give each child a bingo card & markers. Play regular bingo several times (rows, lines, diagonal).

Then try Postage stamp (4 covered in a corner) or 4 corners (1 in each corner). Winners get a stamp on their hand. When you are finished, all kids can get a stamp on their hand. **Please make sure to collect ALL cards & markers/returning them how they were.**

Heads Down 7- Up Christmas Style (15 min) (best done 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 7-up items & return to bag**

Stylin' Santa (15 min) - Divide kids into 3 groups (2 groups if class is under 15 or doing station format), give each group 1 red, 1 white, 1 black streamer roll, lay out colored paper, cotton balls, tape for kids to share. IF doing station format monitor how much streamer is used- you will run out if they use a lot! Tell them to pick 1 person in their group to be "santa". Kids decorate using the above materials. Santa's will Walk the RUNWAY when time is up (if doing whole group). **Tell them you will judge the stylin' santas. At the end, give each santa a positive shout out such as: most creative, most colorful, best intact, silliest, best boots, best hat, best shirt....*

Stocking Stuffer-(10 min) Kids will try to guess what is in the stocking. Have kids pass the stockings 1 at a time around. Tell them to not yell out what they think is in it until everyone has a chance to touch it. After everyone has felt the stocking, ask for guesses. Variation: Divide kids into small groups and give each group a stocking to try to figure out, then rotate stockings until all groups have had each one. Have groups write down guesses for each numbered stocking. Remind kids the stockings don't open- Stop anyone who from pulling them open. ☺

Answers- #1-foam decoration, #2- puzzle, #3-pom pom, #4- wrapping paper, #5- bow, #6-tinsel

20 Questions (10 min)- Select 1 child to pick card (a themed word). The rest of the class must ask yes or no answer questions to the child. Example- Are you a person? Do you wear red? Are you Santa?

Holiday Word Scramble (10 min) Divide kids into 4 groups if entire class, 2 if doing stations. -Tell them inside the bag is a Holiday word that is all scrambled. They have to work together to unscramble the word. -Give each group bag #1, tell them not to open it until you say go. -Please collect bags/letters **before** going on to the next one. -Continue with remaining bags.

Don't Break the Ornament (10 min) Give each child a clothespin (remind them not to pinch anyone ☺). Have them stand or sit in a circle. Tell them they will pass the ornament using the clothespin- no hands can touch it. It is very breakable (make sure they know this too). Let them have a practice round. Then time them to see how quickly they can do it. (If it rips, tape it or use the spare.) After they get the hang of it, start randomly calling out -"stop" "reverse" "pass behind" "pass over head" kids must then stop & do the new direction. Variation- make 2 circles and see which circle can do it the quickest.

Santa's Sleigh (5 min) Time to pack Santa's sleigh. Have kids sit in a circle, go around the circle and kids take turns saying what to pack in Santa's sleigh, starting with something that starts with letter A. Say "Santa's sleigh needs _____ (something that starts with A), Santa's sleigh needs _____ (something starting with B). Continue as time permits to letter Z.

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

Snack is the last 10 minutes of the party.