

Hartman Christmas Party - You will not have time to do all of the below games/activities. Please select your favorites & have fun! Most games, with the exception of minute to win it, are best done for 10-15 minutes. *Snack is the LAST 10 minutes of the party 1:50pm*).

Christmas Craft- is not optional. Please give each child a packet, it contains all materials & directions. Have them do the craft 1" please.

Snowball Toss: Divide kids into 2 groups, give each group a table cloth, everyone holds on to the edges, see how many times you can continuously throw the ball (snowball) up in the air and catch it without the ball falling off. Start counting, once the ball falls off, start counting over from one. Continue to improve on your record. Add balls to increase difficulty once the kids get the hang of it. Time it, once they get the hang of it.

Clap, snap, stomp: Have the entire class stand in a large circle. Pick a student to starting counting off 1, then the next say 2, then 3. Go around the circle a few times counting off by 3s. Then continue with the same concept only instead of saying 1 each person will clap instead of saying 1 but continue saying 2 and 3. (clap, 2,3 and continue around the circle). Then replace the 2 with a snap (clap, snap, 3 around the circle a few times) Once the kids got the hang of that, make 3 a stomp. Go around the circle doing clap, snap, stomp and see how long they can go until they mess up.

Christmas Circle story: Have the class in a large circle and have them tell their own Christmas story. Each student will say one word contributing to the story and see where the story goes. Story Starter ideas: Twas..., Merry..., Rudolph..., Frosty...

Human tic tac toe: Set up 9 chairs in a tic tac toe pattern and divide the class into 2 teams. Give one team x's and the other o's. Let each team take a turn strategically placing their x or o. Have each team begin in a line and go through the line so everyone gets a turn to be on the board.

Decorate the Tree - Divide kids into 2-3, give each group 1 green streamer roll, set decorating materials in a central location (construction paper, tape, foil, bows, ribbons). 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, the trees should parade around the room to applause. Give awards (tell what each tree "won" for. Such as- most creative, most colorful, best covered, best intact, silliest....)

Heads Down 7 Up Christmas Style

-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.****

Rudolph Race- Divide class into 2-3 lines, sitting facing the same way. Give the 1st person in each line a dice. On "go" the 1st person in each line rolls dice until they get a 6. Once they get a 6, they pass the reindeer over their head behind to the next in line, continue until it gets to the end of the line. Last person brings it up to the front and now rolls the dice, repeat until everyone has gone. First line to have everyone go wins.

Jack Frost- (old fashion murder wink game)- Kids sit in large circle. Select 1 child to go wait outside room while you pick "jack frost". Jack Frost will try to freeze everyone before the detective figures out who it is. Jack Frost will wink at kids. If he winks at you, you must FREEZE. Kids will say Brrrr, cross arms across chest (like hugging themselves) if they get winked at. The detective can have 2-3 guesses at who Jack Frost is. Jack Frost can be the next detective or you can pick someone willing. *Great to have the teacher participate & be the 1st Jack Frost*

Roll a Snowman- Kids need 1 sheet of paper (have them use tablet paper) & pencil. Have kids fold paper into 4 if doing this more than once. They can use each section for 1 game. You can divide the group into small groups or have them remain in 1 large group sitting at desks. Give each child one dice, when you say go they start rolling- depending what number they get determines what part of the snowman they draw. 1- hat, 2-head, 3- body, 4- buttons, 5- face, 6- stick arms. First one to draw complete snowman is the winner. Variations- you can have the winner from each small group come to the front to do a roll- off champion game. You can have kids use their non writing hand to roll dice, kids can lay dice on top of their hand and flip hand to roll dice. If doing small groups they can pick 1 child to be the dice roller and the others can rotate to draw pieces. Make sure to collect ALL dice, Please double check & return to the bag they came in.

Holiday ABC's- Divide kids into small groups, each group needs a piece of paper & something to write with. Have them list the ABC's down the side of the paper. When you say go- the kids try to write 1 holiday/Christmas/winter word for every letter in the alphabet.

Minute to Win It Options- Divide kids into 6 groups, explain each game briefly, then have them practice the game for a couple minutes. Have them rotate to the next game to try. After kids have rotated to all 6 games, kids select someone from their group to compete against the other groups for each game. (sand timers are located in the party bag- please make sure to **collect these when finished**) *Kids have one minute to complete the game.*

1- Christmas Scramble- Kids try to reassemble the cut up Christmas Picture.

2- North Pole- Kids try to stack 4 large metal nuts on top of each other using only a candy cane (It is easier to stack them flat then turned on their side- kids can try both ways)

3- Merry Tweezmas- Kids use tweezers to transfer as many red & green beads to a bowl as possible in a minute.

4- Christmas Stockings- Kids try to take out the penny located in the bottom of each leg of the panty hose only using ONE hand in one minute.

5- Flying Cards- Kids try to fling (like a Frisbee) cards into bowl about 3-4 ft. away. See how many cards got in by the end of a minute.

6- Bean There Done That- Put beans in 1 bowl & an empty bowl beside the bean bowl. Kids use a straw to suck up a bean (1 at a time) to drop into the empty bowl. Make sure kids each get a fresh/new straw- no sharing straws ☺

See how many beans they can transfer from 1 bowl to the other in 1 minute- only using the straw.