

2nd Grade-Valentine Party---READ ORANGE party Direction sheet 1st ☺

Craft- (10 min) Craft is not optional, please do it. Kids will color Heart Bear Magnet. Give each child one & 1 magnet. IF you have extra time, ask children to name an animal they love (food, color...).

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. They can also all be done whole group or station format.

Valentine Circle(15 min) Tell kids we are going to try to pass the valentine cup around the circle without dropping it, sounds easy, BUT we can't use our hands! Tell them they must pass it by using a straw.

- Give each child a straw and make a circle. Remind them not to blow on people with the straws ☺
- Demonstrate how to hold straw in your mouth and place a cup on top of it. Pass it to the child next to you in the circle. Continue around the circle. Make sure they know if we drop it, no big deal- just pick it up & keep going. Remind them NOT to use their hands.
- Do multiple times, they will get better.
- Option 1- You could have them form 2 circles & race to see which circle makes the cup go around 1st.
- Option 2- You could time the large circle to see how long it takes them to move the cup around the circle. See if they can beat their time.

Heart Hop Relay (15 min) Divide the kids into 3 lines if entire class, 2 if doing stations. **Do EACH Relay at least 2 times.**

Relay 1- Give the 1st person in line a spoon. 1st person puts the heart on the spoon & balances it, walks down & back, repeat until all have one.

Relay 2- Hold the heart between thumbs, hop down & back, return & repeat until all have gone. **Relay 3-** Hold heart between knees, hop down & back. Pass to next person in line, repeat until all have gone.

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

Relay 5 – Hold heart between knees, hop down & back but this time they need to tap the top of their heads while they hop. Pass to next person in line, repeat until all have gone

Relay 6- Give each line a plate. Kids put the heart on the plate, walk down & back. Pass to the next in line, repeat until all have gone.

Please collect ALL materials (spoons, plates & hearts).

Don't Break My Heart (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 heart using the clothespin- no hands can touch it. The heart 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 overhead" kids must then stop & reverse the direction they were going with the heart. Variation- make 2 circles and see which circle can do it the quickest.

Cupid Who Stole Your Heart (10 min) Best done whole group, not stations.

-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 heart behind their back.

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

-Have the 4-5 Cupids (kids standing at the front of the room) open their eyes & turn around and adults say " Cupid, Cupid stole your heart?"

-Each Cupid can take 1 guess at who took their heart.

-*Right or wrong tell them good try*

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

Heart Walk (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 hearts. *Don't fall off into the "Broken Heart Lava" (carpet ☺). Demonstrate how to step both feet on 1 heart then reach and move 2nd heart in front, then step on it. Make sure they don't use the paper hearts like skates, should not slide, must take their time & step onto each one, 1 at a time.

Lost My Heart (10 min) (hot/cold game) Select 1 child to stand in the hall or hide eyes. Hide the small heart figure somewhere in the room. Kids guide the child by saying 'hot' or 'cold' to locate the heart. The child who finds heart, can hide it next. Pick another child to go to the hall or hide eyes, continue as time permits. You can pick 2 kids to go into the hall, then they work like partners to find the heart.

Heart Tower (10 min) Divide kids into groups of 5-6 if whole group, if doing stations divide into groups of 3. Give each group a pile of hearts. Kids take turns placing a heart on top of another heart to make a tower. Counting how high they make it until it collapses. Repeat, kids will get better the more they do it. Variation: they can design a heart tower – stacking hearts (2 -3 thick- anyway they wish). Variation- time 10 seconds 20 seconds, 30 seconds, 60 seconds and see how high they can make it in the set time period.

I Spy (5 min) 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 (10 min) – This should be the LAST 10 minutes of the party.

Time Filler Activities – Please do if there is time before snack. 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.