

## **4<sup>th</sup> Grade-Valentine Party Craft & Activity Directions-READ sheet 1<sup>st</sup> please!**

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

Valentine Key Chains. Give each child a key chain & foamy stickers. Kids build it as they wish.

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. They can also all be done whole group or station format (7 up is best as whole group).

**Cupid's Flying Arrows** (15 min) Before you give kids their arrows (straws), show them how to load their arrow/aim/shoot. You will just put a q-tip in the end of the straw & blow through the other end. Now divide kids into 2 groups if doing stations (3 groups if you are the only person doing the party). Place the target 4-5 feet away (adjust as necessary).

-Kids need to stay in line, first person shoots arrow, goes to the end of their line, next person goes, repeat.

-Do a practice run 1<sup>st</sup>. Next, time the lines 2 minutes, line with the most inside the target wins. CLEAR target between rounds.

Try these variations: Have kids face away from target, turn over shoulder & shoot, spin 1 time & shoot, hop on 1 foot & shoot. Do each variation more than once, if time. Throw away straws & q tips.

**Heads Down 7- Up Valentine Style**(10 min) (Best done whole group)

-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**.\*

**Breathless** (10 min) Have kids stand or sit in a circle. Give each child a straw. Tell them they are going to pass the rose petal by only using the straw, no hands. Let them have a practice round, then time them a few rounds to see if they can beat their time. You could also make 2 circles and have the circles race to see who is quickest. Throw away straws, collect rose petals.

**Blind Snowman** (5 min.)

Give every one a paper plate. Have kids take out their pencil and tell them you are going to give them instructions to draw a picture on the plate.

Now put the plate on your head, yes on your head! Tell them to draw what you tell them, keeping the plate on their head. (DON'T TELL THEM WHAT YOU ARE MAKING.)

Adult says- Draw 3 circles on top of each other. Each circle gets smaller from bottom to top. In the middle circle draw 3 buttons in a line. In the top circle draw 2 eyes, a carrot nose & mouth. Draw a hat on top of the smallest circle. Draw stick arms on both sides of the middle circle. BEFORE they put their plates down- ask if they knew what they drew. Take a look, they should laugh- silly snowmen. \*If you have time, flip the plates over & do it again, see if they do better when they know what they are doing.

**Valentine Story** (Right/Left Story) (5 min) Have kids sit or stand in a circle. Explain you are reading a story, and every time they hear the word "right" they pass it to the right. Every time they hear the word "left" they pass it left. Go SLOW at first. You can use 2 hearts, started at opposite sides. At the end, the kids who have the hearts get their snack 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Teacher Heart Attack** (5 min) Give each child a heart doilie. Kids each write one thing they love/like about their teacher. Teachers will be attacked by kind praises when finished.

**Cupid Loves** (10 min) Cupid loves lots of things! Kids take turns saying what Cupid loves, starting with something beginning with letter A. Say, "Cupid Loves \_\_\_\_ (something that starts with A), next child says same thing but it must start with letter B, continuing through Z.

**Loving Pairs** (5 min) Tell the kids you will say a word and see if they can think of a word to go with it. Example- Peanut butter & \_\_\_\_ (jelly), Spaghetti & \_\_\_\_ (meatballs), Scrambled (eggs), Ham & (cheese), Ice (tea), Ahoy (matey), Kit (Kat), Pittsburgh (steelers), Pillow (case), Sponge (Bob), Macaroni & (Cheese), Base (ball), Phineus & (Ferb), Pepperoni & (cheese). Milk (cookies), Chips (salsa or dip), syrup (pancakes/waffles) If there is time ask kids to volunteer a word for others to find a word to go with it.

**Who's My Valentine** (5 min) Tell kids you will say a name and see if they can think of who that person's valentine would be.

Beauty (the beast), Wilma Flintstone (Fred), Daisy Duck (Daffy), Minnie Mouse (Mickey), Popeye (Olive Oil), Romeo (Juliet), Marge Simpson (Bart), Ariel (Prince Eric), Anna (Kristoff). IF there is time, kids can volunteer new valentine for other's to guess. THEY ARE NOT TO DO KIDS IN THE SCHOOL- needs to be TV/ Story Based.

**Cupid's Heart Breaker-** (old fashion murder wink game)- Kids sit in large circle. Select 1 child to go wait outside room while you pick "cupid". Cupid will try to break everyone's heart before the detective figures out who it is. Cupid will wink at kids. If he winks at you, you must grab your HEART. Kids will then cross arms across chest (like hugging themselves) if they get winked at. The detective can have 2-3 guesses at who Cupid is. Cupid can be the next detective or you can pick someone willing. \*Great to have the teacher participate & be the 1<sup>st</sup> Cupid\*

**Time Filler Activity** —Please do as a whole class, if there is time before snack -**Jokes/Tongue Twisters** (in folder) **Snack (10 min) – This should be the LAST 10 minutes of the party.**