

Fall Holiday Game Ideas

Mummies

You will need: One toilet paper roll for each team

How to Play: Split the party goers into teams of three and give each team a toilet roll. Two persons then wrap the third in the toilet roll so that they look like an Egyptian Mummy. The winning team is the one who in a set time (say 2 minutes) have the neatest and most covered Mummy.



Bean Toss

You will need: Three to Five dry beans per student
Chair Large bowl or tin pie plate

How to Play: Have children divide into two teams. Each child is given five beans. On your mark the children will take a seat in a chair, that is set a distance from the bowl, and try to throw their beans, one at a time, into the bowl. The team with the most beans in the bowl at the end of the relay wins.

Depending on the age and skill level of your class determines how far the chair is from the bowl and how deep or shallow the bowl is.

Thanksgiving Dinner

How to Play: Players sit in a circle. The first player starts by saying, "At Thanksgiving dinner I like to eat turkey". The next player must repeat "At Thanksgiving dinner I like to eat turkey..." and add another dish. This continues all the way around the circle with each student reciting the dishes in the exact order they have been given and then adding a new one. If a student makes a mistake they slide out of the circle and the game continues. The person left who can perfectly recite the Thanksgiving menu wins.



Grateful for Everyone

How to Play: Put chairs in a circle with one less chair than there are players. One person says, "I'm grateful for people with blue eyes". Everyone with blue eyes stands up and changes places. While everyone's scurrying for a chair the teacher takes one away. The person left standing is out and the last person to sit down goes next..."I'm grateful for everyone who's wearing tennis shoes". Repeat.

Winter Holiday Game Ideas

Frosty

You will need: A roll of toilet paper for each team
Sheet of orange, black, red and yellow construction paper for each team
Hat for each team
Scissors for each team



How to Play: Have several teams of four or five children. When you say, "GO" they should wrap one of the people on their team up in toilet paper (leaving an opening for nose and eyes). Once they've built their "Frosty" they can utilize the hat and construction paper to decorate him with. Put a time limit on decorating. Give a prize for the first completed Frosty, most unique Frosty, ugliest Frosty, cutest Frosty, etc.



Snowball Relay Race

You will need: Styrofoam ball for each team Pencil for each team

How to Play: Divide into teams. First child on each team will be given a Styrofoam ball (snowball) and a pencil. On your mark they are to bend over, place the ball on the floor, and push the ball with the pencil across the room, around an obstacle, and back to next child on team. First team to finish wins.



Rudolph Dash

You will need: Cut circles out of red construction paper
Vaseline

How to Play: Have child put Vaseline on their nose and then put the red circles on their nose. Relay race to the finish with each new person adding their red nose. If nose falls, go back to bowl and add more Vaseline and reapply nose.

Book Exchange

You will need: Inexpensive book gift wrapped for each child
Book- The Gingerbread Man

How To Play: Children set in a circle, each one holding a wrapped book. A Room Mother reads "The Gingerbread Man" story. Every time the word "ran" is spoken you pass the book to the person on your right. Continue doing until the story is over. The book on your lap at the end of the story is yours to keep and open.



Freeze

- You will need: Christmas music
- How to Play: Begin playing music, everyone moves and dances until the music stops then they must "freeze" in whatever position they happen to be in.

Three-Legged Stocking Race

- You will need: Oversized stocking that will fit two feet
Tie
Tape to mark finish line
- How to Play: Pair up kids and have each pair put a leg in the oversized stocking and tie at top so that it won't fall off. Make sure you have plenty of space. Put all the pairs at one end and mark a finish line at the other. On your mark the kids race to be the first pair over the line.

General Party Game Ideas

The Newspaper Dance

- You will need: Newspapers (1 whole page per team)
Dance music
- How to Play: Get the kid to pair up into dancing partners. Place the newspaper on the floor and have each kid dance on either side. When the music stops, the pair needs to step on the newspaper. No part of their feet (or any body part) is allowed to be outside the paper. Any pair who has any body part outside the paper is out. Fold the newspaper in half after each round. As the newspaper gets smaller and smaller, they will have less space to step on. They can either carry each other or step on each other's foot. Get creative. The pair that gets to stay within the boundaries wins.



Balloon Relay

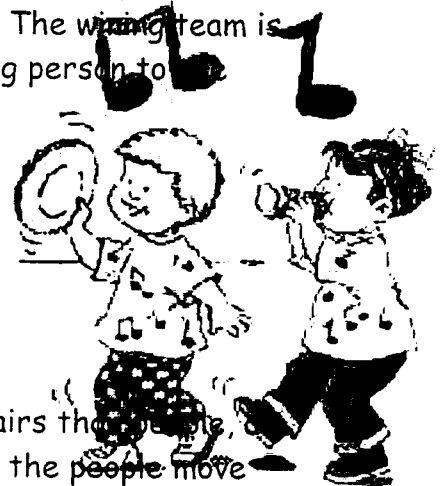
- You will need: Ten balloons for each team
- How to Play: Divide the children into 2 or more equal teams and stand them in a line. Give each team ten balloons in a basket. The first in each line takes a balloon and runs to the other side of the room/yard/area and sits or stomps on the balloon to pop it. After popping the balloon they run back to the line and tag the next person who does the same thing. The game goes on until one team has popped all of their balloons.

Pass the Orange

- You will need: One Orange for each team
- How to Play: Arrange for teams of about 8 to stand in a line, one behind the other (arranged boy, girl, boy...). Give each team an orange which the first person should tuck under his chin. This should be passed to the person behind. When the orange gets to the last person, they come to the front of the line and start again. The winning team is the first one which gets their starting person to the front again.

Musical Chairs

- You will need: Chairs
Good music
- How to Play: The old favorite. With one fewer chairs than people, a short snippet of music is played while the people move around the room. When the music stops everyone tries to sit on a vacant chair. (Only ONE person per chair) The person who doesn't find a chair is out. One chair is taken away and the game continues until only one person (The Winner) is left.



Musical Statues

You will need: Good music

How to Play: This is like Musical Chairs, but when the music stops, the players have to keep still. Anyone who moves, quivers, shakes etc is out. The winner is the last one still playing.

Listen and Move

You will need: Party shapes
Good music

How to Play: Place party shapes on the floor in a circle. For example if your theme is Knights the shapes could be shields, swords, and castles. Children walk around circle while listening to music. If the music is loud the children move fast. If the music is quiet the children have to move slow. When the music stops, the children stop on the closest shape.

To make it more challenging for older children have 1 less shape than the number of children. Continue remove shapes as the children are 'out'.



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