

FIFTH GRADE - VALENTINES PARTY PLANS (pg 1 of 3)

TREAT – Sherbet Parfaits: Sherbet, Heart Cookies, Whipped Cream, Sprinkles, Spoons – all food must be purchased from Chartwells. Kids create their own parfaits by topping their sherbet with sprinkles and whipped cream in a bowl or large cup, garnish with a heart cookie, then eat with a spoon. Room parents may supply Valentines napkins, bowls or large cups (like clear/red Silo), spoons, and water. Refer to the Chartwells Food Order Form on SSA website: <http://www.spoedeschoolassociation.com/id47.html> for treat options, prices and ordering directions.

OPTIONAL CRAFT – Puppy Valentines Mail Bags

The 5th Grade teachers plan to let the kids exchange their valentines during the party this year, so check and see if yours would like to start the party off with this Valentines Mailbox craft. Some teachers may already have such a craft planned to do before the party, so this is just a suggestion, since you may not have enough time during the party hour. Traditionally, the 5th grade parties omit the craft, but room parents may include one if they wish as long as it is NON-edible.

Materials (students use own scissors, glue, markers, crayons from classroom desks):

- Large Paper Lunch/Shopping Bag – 2 per child
- Red Construction Paper – couple sheets per child – may also use pink, white, etc.
- Double Stick Tape

Instructions – 5th graders should be able to do most of this independently, but parents can offer input and help as needed. Make at least one complete example before the party for the kids to see and follow.

1. Cut off the top half off the paper bag, so the bag will be only half its original height, to make the mailbox.
2. Cut out and affix a red heart for the front of the box, and use the cut off portion of the bag to create a puppy head and paws. Tape or glue the puppy parts on the bag following the example.
3. Kids may do Cats, Bunnies, or whatever they prefer – get creative!
4. Use markers and crayons to write name, draw facial features, write a message, etc.



ACTIVITY – Timed Valentine Word Scramble (page 3)

Print out copies of page 3 for each student, laying it upside down on their desk no peeking!. Then explain that you will time them on your “GO” to flip over the sheet, solve the 12 common Valentine word scrambles, then raise their hand as soon as they’re finished. A fun way to “time” kids is to play a “love” song; time’s up when it’s over. First student to correctly finish their sheet before the song ends wins a prize. Several parents may need to monitor and assist with a “cheat sheet.”

GAME #1 – Heads-Up 7-Up

Materials – double-stick tape, small red craft foam sheet for each student; students use own scissors.

- Kids cut out a heart from red craft foam then tape tightly to their thumb.
- Students stay at their desks with their heads down and eyes closed.
- Game leader taps 7 kids on their heads to get up while the others remain with their heads down.
- The 7 selected students are “IT” and each one must tap a different seated student’s head.
- Once a student’s head is tapped, s/he sticks up his/her heart thumb, keeping head down.
- Once all 7 kids have tapped 7 others, they line up in front of the class & announce “HeadsUp 7-Up!” so then all the seated kids can lift their heads to see the 7 who are IT.
- The 7 kids with their thumbs up try to guess which of the other 7 tapped them. A correct guess means the two kids trade places. An incorrect guess means the guesser remains seated and the tapper gets to tap again in the next round. Play as many rounds as the kids want within your schedule.

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GAME #2 – Famous Pairs (blank index cards if you want to tie into Game #3, or whatever handy to record – whiteboard, iPad, Dry Erase board, pad of paper, etc.)

- ❖ Divide children into 4-5 groups spread around classroom – one parent per group is helpful.
- ❖ Have parent or lead child record names of as many famous pairs as possible. Team should call out quietly so other teams don't overhear. Offer hints if necessary. After allotted time (5-10 minutes), regroup so teams can announce how many pairs they've recorded. Winning team with the most pairs receives an optional prize and/or everyone receives a prize for participating.
- ❖ Famous Pairs Suggestions: Romeo & Juliet, Cinderella & Prince Charming, Beauty & the Beast, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Salt & Pepper, Lewis & Clark, Ernie & Bert, Kermit & Ms Piggy, Sherlock & Watson, Batman & Robin, Clark Kent & Lois Lane, Prince William & Kate Middleton, Jack & Jill, Jekyll & Hyde, Lone Ranger & Tonto, Tom & Jerry, Tarzan & Jane, Tom Sawyer & Huck Finn, Tweedledee & Tweedledum.

GAME #3 – Match Maker (labeled index cards which may be written before the party, double-stick tape)

Kick Famous Pairs up a notch by writing out each member of multiple Famous Pairs on separate index cards with a Sharpie so that you end up with one card for each student; include the teacher if an odd # of students. Parents tape (double-stick works best) an index card on each student's back without showing them who their famous "person" is. Then the kids mingle around the classroom asking other students YES/NO questions about who they are. Once they know who they are, they try to find their "match," again using only YES/NO questions, until everyone has guessed who they are and found their match. You may distribute little non-edible "prizes" to each pair as they finish correctly guessing and/or a "grand" prize to the first winning pair to successfully finish.

Valentines Party Supply List – labeled ziplok-type baggies are handy to collect kids' party stuff!

- Chartwells – sherbet, heart cookies, sprinkles, whipped cream, spoons
- Valentines napkins, paper bowls OR large clear or red Silo cups, bottled water, spoons
- 2 large paper lunch or shopping bags per child for optional craft
- Red or other color Construction Paper – at least two per child for optional craft
- Double Stick Tape – couple rolls - for craft and games
- Red Craft Foam – one small sheet per child – may be halved/quartered for heart thumbs
- 24 Index Cards (or paper) for Match Maker game
- Pass out several small individual prizes, and also additional team/winner prizes, for Activity & Games - heart pencils/erasers, sillybands, novelty toys, etc.

Valentines Party Tips List:

- Provide at least one example of the craft already completely assembled beforehand.
- Organize craft materials before the party; have more than the number of students in case of any casualties.
- Remind kids to include their names on crafts. Provide baggies labeled with their names for any party loot!
- Party flows well if treats follow crafts, then activities/games; room parents can improvise as they see fit.
- Tailor party plan suggestions to your time and budget constraints. Many games are generally free and you can add on or subtract them depending how the party hour is progressing.
- Room parents may decorate the classroom right before the party during setup if they wish, but check with your teacher first and keep your party budget in mind.
- If you're shopping on a really tight budget, check when ordering treats from Chartwells if they can provide plain white napkins, plates/bowls, cups, spoons, etc. and forgo the printed paper products.
- Your class party funds (SSA starter check \$2.50/pupil + all \$10 contributions Class Treasurers collected in Fall) should be more than enough to cover the Halloween & Valentines parties. Any class party funds leftover, after reimbursing all parents' party purchases, should be applied to the 5th Grade Graduation Party. If your class has a large balance, you may also apply a portion to a Turtle Tribute for your Teacher.

Party supply sources include Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Walmart, Target, Dollar stores and Hardware stores.

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FIFTH GRADE VALENTINES WORD SCRAMBLE CHALLENGE

1. INNTEEAVL _____

2. RRAOW _____

3. DNCYA _____

4. NIPK _____

5. OESR _____

6. RHETA _____

7. LVEO _____

8. SOLWFRE _____

9. DARC _____

10. IEDNRFS _____

11. IUCDP _____

12. RYAPT _____