

Kindergarten - Valentine's Day Party Plan

TREAT.....

Heart-shaped cookies with frosting and sprinkles. All food must be purchased from Chartwells. Room Parents may supply Valentine plates, napkins and plastic utensils. Refer to Chartwells Food Order Form on the SSA website for treat options, prices and ordering directions: <http://www.spoedeschoolassociation.com/id47.html>. If this particular treat does not work for your class or within your budget, please choose another option on the Chartwells Food Order Form. You may also purchase beverages from Chartwells or bottled water from any store, which would be a less expensive option.

CRAFT.....

Feet Heart

Before the party, trace your child's feet on poster board. Cut out feet and use for stencil during the party. Make several copies to keep the craft moving along.

1. Using a stencil, students trace feet on colored card and cut out the shapes
2. Glue 2 feet at heels to form a heart
3. Use a paint pen or marker for message
4. Glue flat-bottomed plastic jewels (available at craft stores) to toes



GAMES.....

Game Option 1: Pass the "Love" Thermometer Relay

This is part craft and part game.

- Make thermometers from wooden paint stirrers or tongue depressors
- Decorate with hearts to look like thermometers
- Kids are in two teams
- Race to see who can pass the thermometer faster from underarm to underarm

Game Option 2: Match the Heart

Before the party, cut out one heart per two kids. Cut the heart in half like a puzzle piece.

- Mix up halves and pass a half to each child
- Find your match
- Mix up the pieces and repeat

SUPPLY LIST.....

TREAT

Valentine plates
Valentine napkins
Plastic spoons or knives
(for spreading frosting)
Bottled Water

GAME Option #1

Wooden paint stirrers
or tongue depressors
Red markers
Valentine-themed stickers
for decorating (optional)

CRAFT

Poster board (for stencil)
Cardstock (for actual project)
Marker
Glue
Plastic Jewels

GAME Option #2

Red and/or pink construction
paper hearts

Labeled ziplok-type baggies are handy
to collect kids' party stuff!

Sources

Hobby Lobby • Michael's • Walmart • Target • Dollar Tree • Dollar Store • Hardware Stores

PARTY TIPS.....

- Starting party with the craft can help the kids settle down and focus on the party.
- Remember to provide at least one example of the craft already completely assembled.
- Although younger kids may need a baggie of all prepared craft supplies inside, older kids may enjoy & learn from doing their own measuring, cutting, etc. with some supervision.
- Organize craft materials before the party in several centers so kids are not all waiting for the same supplies. Always have more than # of students in case of casualties.
- Remind kids to include their names on crafts. Provide labeled baggies for any party loot!
- The party usually flows well if you follow the craft(s) with the treat and then activities/games, but room parents can improvise as they see fit.
- Tailor party plan suggestions to your time and budget constraints. Many games are generally free. You can add on or subtract them depending how the party 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 of \$2.50/pupil plus all the \$10 contributions the Class Treasurers collected in the Fall) should be adequate to cover Halloween, Valentines & Year-end, so try to set aside at least \$50 if possible for your Year-end party.