

VALENTINE GAME IDEAS:

All you need is love

Freeze dance renamed!

Heart Pricks

This Valentine's Day activity is similar to the familiar game Pin the Tail on the Donkey, except the target is the center of a large heart and the pins resemble Cupid's arrows. Attach a large red heart, made of foam, flannel or cheesecloth, to a sturdy material that will be hung on a door or wall. Place a much smaller white heart in its center, marking the target. Have children decorate their pins with white ribbon and feathers to look like Cupid's arrows before the game. Give each child a turn being blindfolded, spun in a circle five times and sent in the direction of the target. The student to prick the heart closest to its center wins the game.

Kisses Relay Game

Students move Hershey kisses from one bowl to the next using chopsticks while blindfolded. For team play, set out two bowls for each team. Fill teams' bowls with equal number of kisses. Give teams a set of chopsticks and a blindfold. One by one blindfold team members and set them in front of the bowls. Give them the chopsticks. They have to transfer the kisses into the other bowl. This is harder than it looks! When one player has finished transferring all the balls the next player in line puts on the blindfold and continues until everyone on the team has completed the task.

Hershey Kiss Relay

This party game is played like the egg and spoon relay only it is played using a Hershey kiss. Set up the playing field with a start line and a point across the playing field that the guests have to run around and then go back to start. Divide party guests into two teams and give each team a wooden spoon or plastic spoon and a cotton ball. One by one the teams must place the kiss on the spoon and run to the turn around point and back without dropping the kiss. When they reach start they hand off the kiss to the next player and they run the course. If the kiss falls off the spoon the player must return to start and begin again. The players can't touch the kiss with their hands at any point of the game. If they do they must return to start and begin again.

Winter Dress Relay

Relay races are a lot of fun for kids, and this one will provide lots of laughter and silliness, as well as some great photo ops. Start by dividing the group into two teams and having each team form a line behind a designated starting line. At the other end of the room or space, each team will have an identical pile of winter clothing, such as a hat, scarf, mittens, boots, coat, etc. The kids will have to race, one at a time, to the pile of clothing, put on each item, take it off again, and race back to tag the next one in line. The team who completes the relay first, wins. Try oversized clothing for younger kids, as this will be easier for them to get on and off.

Name That Tune

This game is fun for older kids who have a little more life experience and can write well and relatively quickly, usually grades 2 through 5. Give each child a piece of paper and have them number down the side according to how many songs you're going to have them guess. Then, play instrumental versions of favorite holiday songs and have the kids write down the title. The child(ren) who get the most answers right, win(s). To make it more difficult for older kids, try playing a more obscure part of the song than the chorus, such as a verse only or the bridge and see who can come up with the song titles.