

## Fall Party Ideas

**SPAGHETTI GAME** ~ Boil spaghetti noodles until done, drain and rinse noodles, add oil and grapes to noodles for texture-call them “brains”. Have several other textured foods with mock names. Be sure to have a cover over each bowl. Blind fold the students and see who can guess the most foods correctly.

**MUMMY RACE** ~ Divide the class up into teams. Choose one student from every team to be the mummy. Each team has to wrap their mummy in a set amount of time, making sure to leave the nose and eye area open. After each team has finished wrapping their mummy, then the mummy has to hop (without breaking any of the wrapping) down to the finish line. Then the winning team gets a prize. Make sure to have plenty of paper and play music while the game is being played.

**FALL WORD GAME** ~ Hold up index cards with jumbled letters of a fall word (ghost, cobweb, broomstick, skeleton etc.) displayed. The student who guesses each word first wins a prize.

**FALL RING TOSS** ~ In a Fall version of ring toss, students stand on a line and try to toss a hula hoop around pumpkins painted with numbers (the higher numbers are further away from the starting line). Three tries for each student. The highest score wins.

**SCARECROW CONTEST** ~ Divide students into three or four groups. Have six or eight different old shirts, jeans, hats, bandannas and other accessories in a pile. Give groups 15 minutes to assemble their own scarecrow. Stuff with old newspapers or hay. Make the face from a blank pillowcase and markers. Prizes for the scariest, funniest, most authentic and the most likely to scare away crows.

**SNIFF TEST** ~ Dr.Boo begins by passing containers of ingredients for the students to sniff, explaining how each will be used to make the monster. A few tough-to-guess ingredients that are sure to wrinkle students’ noses include mouse breath (Parmesan cheese), which increases night vision; extract of grasshoppers (pine and nutmeg), which improves long-jumping ability; charred bat’s feet (charred wood), excellent for hearing; and owl pellets (dry yeast), great for cunning. See who can guess the most right.

**FALL CHARADES** ~ To put a frenzied twist on a traditional game of charades, write out clues for fall characters on small slips of paper. Gather the students into two teams and have each student pick a player to go first. The player has a designated amount of time to read the clue, and act it out until their team guesses the clue. The student from each team to guess correctly picks the next clue.

**BOO-GO** ~ Make Bingo cards up on orange paper with fall words. Use candy corn as markers and when students get Bingo they have to yell BOO!

**MEET MR. KREEPS** ~ Before students arrive, place the following 8 slimy foods on plates or in bowls and cover with a box with hand holes cut out. The slimy foods are-- A thick slice of bologna (oversize tongue), a ham chunk in water, like canned ham, (a heart that never beat quite right), a canned halved pear (an unusually small stomach), Cooked ramen noodles rinsed in cold water (some thick, cold veins), canned, whole mushrooms (defective eyeballs), a cauliflower coated with yellow Jell-o (a genius-size brain), pickles cut in half (long, knobby toes), frozen French fries and sliced almonds (ice-cold fingers with dry, brittle fingernails). As you tell the story, have students move from box to box reaching inside for a first-hand experience. See who can guess the most foods correctly.

**DOUGHNUT ON A STRING** ~ Tie a string around a doughnut and then tie the other end around a broom handle or stick and do the same with a few others. Hold the stick up and challenge students to eat the doughnut off without using their hands.

**BUG FISHING** ~ Buy a bean bag type spider (or make it), and attach Velcro at each of the "feet". Cut out felt bugs. Tie the spider on a string to a stick or child's fishing pole and then children fish for bugs. After catching a bug, carry it to a bucket, drop in, and go back for more.

**MUSICAL TOMBSTONES** ~ A spooky variation on musical chairs.

**SPOOKY SPIDERS WEB GAMES** ~ Obtain a different colored ball of yarn for each team. Before the party begins, tie prizes for each team at the end of each ball of yarn and hide the prizes. Then unwind the yarn around the room.....around the furniture, under tables, behind the sofa.....creating a spider web of yarn. When the party starts, pass out the loose ends of yarn to the teams. Have students wind the yarn back up into a ball, following it around the room until they find their prizes.

**PUMPKIN BOWLING** ~ Items needed: 6-10 empty plastic 2-liter bottles and a pumpkin. Set bottles up, students take turns rolling the pumpkin to knock over bottles.

**BEAN BAG TOSS** ~ Items needed: bean bags, wooden jack-o-lanterns with face cut out or plastic pumpkins. Students stand behind a taped line and toss bean bags to targets.

**PIN THE NOSE ON THE JACK-O-LANTERN** ~ Items needed: a laminated poster board with a nose-less pumpkin. Give each student a nose. Closest nose on the pumpkin wins.

## Winter Party Ideas

**Hand Reindeer** – Trace the student's hand on brown construction paper and have the student cut it out. Glue the handprint on a larger piece of paper, and the student decorates the "reindeer".

**Ornament with picture** - Use popsicle sticks, old puzzle pieces etc. to make a frame. Take pictures of the students prior to the party or have them bring in pictures and put them into a frame.

**North Pole** - Items needed: four shoe boxes, a wrapped stand about four feet high with a North Pole sign on top, bowl of candy. Divide into 2 teams. Each student steps into the shoe boxes (skis). They must race to the North Pole, go around it, and are handed a treat by an adult and ski back to the team. Next student in line goes.

**Musical Gift** - Wrap a small gift (can be silly or a piece of candy in about 20 layers of wrapping. Play a musical chairs type game where you pass the gift around. When the music stops the student unwraps the first layer. Continue until all layers are removed and the winner keeps the gift.

**Tree-trimming relay** - Have a race decorating a student like a Christmas tree. Divide into 2 teams and give a specified amount of time. Provide decorations and have a "judge" to determine the winner.

**Holiday word game** – Hold up index cards with jumbled holiday words. The student who guesses the most is the winner.

**Milk Carton Gingerbread houses**- Decorate accordingly.

## End of Year Party Ideas

**Sign End of Year T-Shirts** - Utilize the kids class shirts and have the kids in the class sign each other's T-shirts, makes for a great keepsake.

**Minute to Win It Competition** - This can be done individually, in groups, or as teams, decide how many games you want to play, and how challenging you want to make it (keep in mind your party time is limited).

Examples of games: Post-It Cover Up, Defying Gravity, Stack Attack, Ball Bounce

**Set-Up Selfie Stations** - Fun props, props with end of year sayings, pop up photo stations, selfie frames with different themes.

**Skit** - Divide into groups, come up with a short skit reenacting a funny school year memory, the room parent can bring funny props to use and have each group include one of the props.

**Scavenger Hunt** - Create items for students to find and assign different points for difficulty. Have the kids work in teams and set a time limit.

**Spin the Wheel** - This can be used for prizes or have the kids answer a trivia question, if they are correct, they get to spin the wheel for something a little more challenging.

**Bingo with a Twist** - Classmate Bingo, Classroom Bingo, or Line Bingo (suitable for older kids).

**Summer Themed Party** - Decorate or paint a mini surfboard, seashell crafting or collecting, and beach ball games.

**PLEASE- NO SAND!!**

**\*\*For additional Party and Craft Ideas...Search on Google or Pinterest: "room parent party ideas" or "elementary school \_\_\_\_ party ideas" (include season)**