

Directions for Musical Holiday Present Game

(Recommended for grades K-2)

SUPPLIES:

- Two wrapped presents. Each box must be wrapped with a layer of wrapping paper that matches the number of children in each group playing the game. Only the top layer has a bow.
- CD player with CD of holiday music.

SETUP:

Divide class into two groups. Because the game must be played to music, it would be easier to let one group play at a time. Otherwise, another CD player will be needed.

Two presents have been provided so that the class can be divided into two groups for play. There are enough treats inside the last box of each of the presents for this number of children.

Example:

Present 1: Gold Snowman Wrapping Paper – FOR GROUP OF 11 PLAYERS

Contains 11 erasers and a box of candy canes (12). This present has 11 layers of wrapping paper.

Present 2: Green and Red Snowman Wrapping Paper – FOR GROUP OF 10 PLAYERS.

Contains 10 erasers and a box of candy canes (12). This present has 10 layers of wrapping paper.

This game will work for 21 children. If some children are absent, please have the teacher take a turn to open a layer.

PLAY:

The children should sit in a circle within their group. One parent should manage the CD player and keep track of who had a turn to open a layer.

Tell the children that a holiday present was left for them and they should open it and SHARE it. To be fair, they should pass the present from one person to another in the circle when the music starts and the person holding the present when the music stops should carefully open the top layer of wrapping paper only.

After they find out that there are more layers, they get to pass it again until the music stops again. Press pause on the CD player to stop the music and press pause again to start up again.

Note: A fake box is inside the layers to break things up and fool them. If anyone gets upset that they didn't get a turn before the "treats were found," remind them that they can **SHARE** the prize and help pass it out to the music. There are still more layers after the fake box.

The game should continue until the CD player parent has allowed each child to open a layer one time. **PLEASE KEEP TRACK OF WHO HAD A TURN SO THAT EVERYONE GETS A CHANCE!**