



Christmas  
Indoor Recess or  
Party Games



# Candy Cane Relay Race



Materials needed: candy canes: one for each team and then one for each child for participating; large space: clear the classroom, go outside, or use the gym, cafeteria, hallway

Option 1: divide class into teams, have teams line up on one end of the playing space. They race to the other end and back. Hand off candy cane to the next player and they race down and back.

Option 2: divide class into teams, have half of the teams line up on one end of the playing space and the other half line up on the other end of the space. They race to from one end to the other and hand off candy cane to the next player and they race back to the other end and hand off candy cane to the next player on that end.



## Christmas Present Curling

This idea came to me from the movie, Penguins of Madagascar. In the movie they push turtles across the ice using a broom. The first one to get their turtle to the end wins!



My idea:

have the students push a small present from one end of the room to the other.

Option 1: whoever gets their present to the other end first, wins!

Option 2: whoever pushes their present the farthest on the first try, wins!





# Ornament Relay Race

Materials: large inflatable ornaments, large space to play in

Divide class into teams. Have students line up at one end of the play area. Students will roll the inflatable ornament from one end to the other and back or go with a partner and toss the ornament back and forth between them all the way to the end.

The background of the entire page is a close-up photograph of several marshmallows. Each marshmallow is decorated with simple black ink drawings of faces, featuring large, round eyes and small, smiling mouths. The colors of the marshmallows are soft pinks, light purples, and off-whites. The text 'Marshmallow Relay Race' is overlaid in a red, cursive font in the upper center of the image.

# Marshmallow Relay Race

**Materials: bags of mini-marshmallows, plastic spoons, large bowls (one for each team), hot chocolate picture to decorate bowl**

To play: : divide class into teams, have teams line up on one end of the playing space.

The first player of each team, gets a spoon full of marshmallows,

They race to the other end and dump them into the large bowl. Race back to the starting line.

Hand off spoon to the next player and they repeat.

# Reindeer Relay Race

**Only material needed: large space**

Divide class into teams. Have students line up at one end of the play space. Students must do one of the following down and back: prance like a reindeer, leap like a reindeer, gallop like a reindeer, run like a reindeer, jingle a bell, tap a tambourine, play a triangle (music instrument), walk with a beanbag or book on their head, walk while dragging Santa's bag (trash bag full of books), do a 3 legged reindeer race by tying two students legs together, etc.

