

Circus Clown Activities

Clown Cupcake

1 cupcake
white frosting
1 sugar cone
colored sprinkles
1 small red gumdrop
2 tufts of cotton candy
2 mini M & M's
2 marshmallow stars
1 med. red gumdrop or gum ball
1 yellow banana candy
red frosting
2 wintermints candies

Ice the cupcake with white frosting. Lightly frost the sugar cone & roll in the sprinkles, adding the gumdrop to the point. Insert the cone into the cupcake. Place the tuft of cotton candy on each side to the cone for the hair. Place 2 M & M's into the center of the marshmallow stars for the eyes. The nose is med. red gumdrop or gum ball. The mouth is the yellow banana candy surrounded by a ring of red frosting. The wintermints candies make rosy cheeks.

Make and eat clown salad. Use a peach face, cherry nose, raisin eyes and mouth banana collar and shredded carrot hair.

Be a Clown!

Have children dress as clowns. Paint faces
(Washable markers work great and can wipe off clean with baby wipes).

Clown Hats

Give each child a large sheet of colored or white paper. They can roll the sheet to make a cone and decorate it with colored pencils, paper cut-outs, stickers, glitter and garlands.

Clown Make-up

Put mirrors and clown make-up kits on the table. Each child can place their own clown make-up on their face.

The King of Clowns- Game

One child is named the king or queen of clowns. One at a time the other children kneel before him/her and say, "King/Queen of clowns, I am your loyal subject, and never shall I laugh or smile." Meanwhile the king /queen can make any face or funny expressions he or she wants. If the child, the loyal subject, can go one/two minutes (you decide) without laughing or smiling, he/she takes the King of Clown's throne and the game continues with the next child.

Clown Sandwiches

Cut bread into circles. Spread with cottage cheese. Use cherry tomato for nose, green pepper for ears, red pepper for mouth, olives for the eyes.

Creating Clowns

Cut circles, squares, rectangles, triangles and other geometric shapes out of construction paper in a variety of sizes and colors. Let the children glue the shapes on pieces of construction paper to create a clown face.

Clown Parade

Play circus music and let the children pretend to be clowns as they march around the room. They can move around in the style of a funny clown.

Clown Hats

Give each child a piece of yellow butcher paper. Put small amounts of red finger-paint in the centers of the papers. Encourage the children to leave some areas of their papers yellow as they finger-paint. When the paint has

dried, cut the papers into semi-circle shapes as shown. Roll the shapes and tape them in place to form pointed clown hats. Make tassels from the remaining paper and tape them to the tops of the hats.

Funny Clown Bows

Materials: One 7X12 in. piece tissue paper, gift wrap, or construction paper, ruler, tape, 1 pipe cleaner Place the tissue paper on the work surface so one of the long sides is closest to you. Make a fold on a long side 1/2 in. from the edge. Press hard to make the fold stay in place. Turn the paper over and make another fold about 1/2 in. from first fold. Turn and fold again and again until all the paper is folded. Wrap a piece of tape around the center of the folded paper. Unfold the ends to make the bow. Bend the pipe cleaner into the shape of the letter C. Tape the center of the pipe cleaner to the center of the bow. Wear bow around your neck as a clown's bow tie or in your hair as a headband.

Little Clown (Felt Cut Out)

Little clown, little clown with a big red nose,
Little clown, little clown, with funny clothes.
Little clown, little clown with a suit of yellow,
Little clown, little clown, a happy fellow.
Little clown, little clown with a blue pointed hat,
Little clown, little clown, short and fat.
Little clown, little clown with a fancy green collar,
Little clown, little clown, wants to be taller.
Little clown, little clown with hair orange and bright,
Little clown, little clown, a jolly good sight.
Little clown, little clown with two purple feet,
Little clown, little clown, a real circus treat!

Little Sad Clown (page 1)

Once there was a little clown Who looked so very sad, No matter what trick he did, It always turned out bad. He tried juggling balls And running up the aisles, But no matter what he did The crowd would never smile. Everybody

liked him, But he always looked so sad, Everyone would start to cry, And for a clown that's bad.

Little Sad Clown (page 2)

Then one day he tried a trick Of walking upside down, Soon everyone was laughing At this funny clown. He wondered why they all would laugh When he was upside down, He didn't know that turned this way His face was not a frown. For when he stood upon his hands, And walked around a while, The frown that was upon his face Turned right into a smile .

Silly Clown Shoes

Materials: 20 gummed paper reinforcements (optional), 2 clown shoes (shoe boxes), 2 60-inch lengths of ribbon or yarn or 2 60-inch shoe laces, 2 pot scrubbers or pompoms (optional) Lick and stick the paper reinforcements over the punched holes on each of the Clowns Shoes. This creates eyelets. Fold the front end of each shoe down into the box. For each shoe, thread 1 ribbon through the 2 eyelets at the end of the shoe. Lace the shoes, threading the ribbon through the holes and crossing in the center. Pull the ribbon firmly to fold down the sides. Tie ribbon in a bow. Decorate with pot scrubbers. Attach paper fasteners through socks and box to hold sock in place.

Pin the Nose on the Clown

Use poster board to draw a clown's face with the nose missing. Tape poster to the wall. Blindfold each child when it's his/her turn. Use index cards to make a red nose for each child and write their name on the card. Place a piece of double-sided tape on the back. Depending on the child's age, turn him/her around 2-3 times and point the child in the right direction.

Six Clowns

Make 6 felt or construction paper clown faces with different color hats and collars. The hats and collars on each clown should match. The hats should not be attached to the head. Using a felt board line up clowns and recite this poem:

There were once 6 clowns Who went into town.
As they took their walk The wind began to talk.
Whoo-who-who!
Well what do you suppose happened to the clowns with the red nose?
The wind blew and blew And away their hats flew!
As you are reciting the first verse mix up the hats on the board. Have the children match the clown hats to the collars.

Clown Hats

Make clown hats and collars from construction paper. Apply clown makeup. Make big clown shoes from old shoeboxes or decorate old oversized shoes with paint, pompoms glitter etc.

"Hand-y" the Clown

Make a big white circle for a clown's face. Add a big triangle for a hat. Then add a round nose and eyes etc. For the hair have children cut out hand prints. Glue them on as hair...hands will be glued so that the palm is near the face...do 2 hands on each side by the hat. Then for a clown collar do some more hand prints...and again glue so that palm is near face and fingers are "out".

Clown Glasses

Clown glasses-two plastic lids tin foil, glitter glue & chenille stems.Cut out the center part decorate by crunching foil around the lid, you can use glitter glue instead. join the rings by placing them side by side and wrapping a chenille stem (pipe cleaner) around them in the spot they meet. wrap one end of a pipe cleaner around the outer side of each ring and fit over ears.

Paper Plate Clowns

Tell the kids to make everything EXCEPT the nose.Use whatever you think is the cutest :draw or use wiggle eyes , precut huge lips or use facial features from magazines...yarn hair or triangle hats etc. ..The cutest part is when you cut a small hole in the center of the plate. Then stick in a small balloon and blow up partially as the red nosed clown.

I'm a Clown!

Materials: Butcher paper, marker, scissors, crayons, tissue paper, glue.
Process: Have each child lay on butcher paper and trace around them. Cut out child outline and have the child color in a clown face. Then help the child design the clown outfit by gluing pieces of tissue paper on the "clothing". You can add a clown hat if you wish. You can also use as class decorations.

Shape The Clown Game

Cut several large outlines of clowns' heads from tag board or construction paper and many eyes, hats, ears, noses, ruffles and bow ties. Make a large die with an ear, nose, hat, eye, ruffle and bow tie. (one on each of the six sides) The children can take turns rolling the die to construct their clown face. If a child rolls a die with the shape they already have, they must wait for their next turn.

Be A Clown

This clown face will make everyone laugh. For eyeglasses, cut the top rims from an empty egg carton, and paint it a bright color. For the nose, cut a bottom cup from an empty egg carton, and paint it a bright color. Now, cut a half-circle, about four inches in diameter, from black construction paper. Then, for a mustache, cut a half-moon shape. Now you're ready to put your clown face together from the back. With the smooth edges of the rims facing you, tape them to the top of the nose. Then paste the moustache to the bottom of the nose. Roll up a piece of cellophane tape, so the sticky part is facing out, and put on the inside of the nose. Stick the whole thing onto your face and presto- you're a clown!