

Valentine Activities!

VALENTINE SACHET

Boys and girls alike love to sew. Give each child two hearts cut from red or pink felt. Ask them to place the hearts together and stitch the sides with needle and thread. Have them leave a small opening to enclose a cotton ball scented with cologne or some potpourri. They can now stitch up the opening and give it to Mom on Valentine's Day.

CLASSMATE VALENTINES

Write each students' name on a slip of paper and have each child draw a name. Ask them to write a four-line poem about the person they have chosen, saying only nice things and remaining careful not to mention them by name. When the verses are complete, have each child copy the poem onto a large paper heart and display it on the class board. Children will love matching the valentines to the correct classmates.

"BUCKLE UP!" VALENTINE

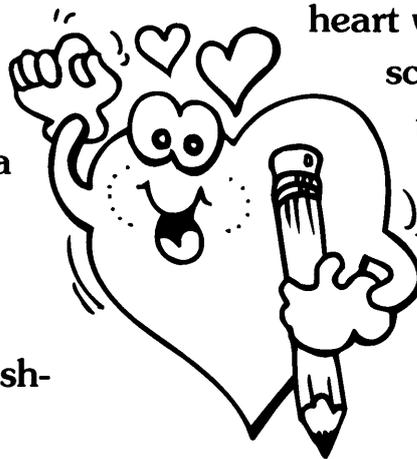
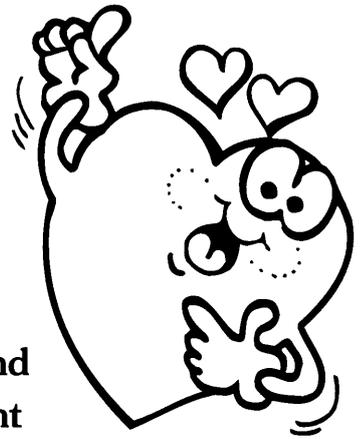
A thoughtful gift for Mom and Dad on Valentine's Day that is a loving reminder. Have each student write the words "Buckle Up! I Love You!" on a simple valentine and place it on the dashboard of the family car.

MAGAZINE VALENTINES

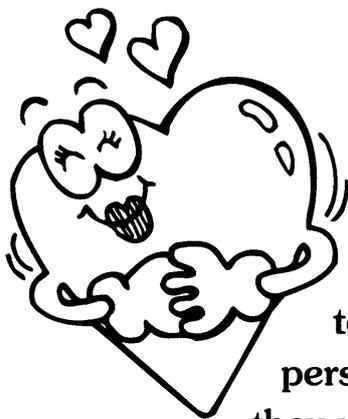
Ask students to look through old magazines and find pictures that might make comical valentines. Have them glue their pictures to a paper heart and write a valentine greeting that expresses the picture. Examples might be: "I've gone "nuts" over you!" (The picture might be a can of almonds or peanuts.) Or, "I'd be in a real "pickle" without a valentine like you!" (The picture would be a jar of pickles.) Display the valentines on the class board and ask students to vote for the most clever.

HEART AND ARROW GAME

Draw a big heart on the chalkboard and divide the class into two or three teams. Have each child try to draw an arrow through the center of the heart while blind-folded. Give a score of "5" for each arrow that passes through the heart and "3" points for arrows that touch the heart. The team with the most points wins!



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FAMOUS VALENTINES

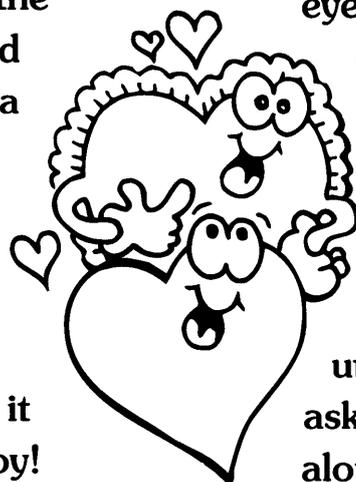
Ask your students to think of a famous person from which they would most like to receive a valentine. Would they like to send this person a valentine?

Provide a variety of colorful paper and pens, paper doilies, glitter, etc. and ask the students to make a valentine for their famous person. The valentines can then be displayed on the class board complete with a paper written by each student on the reasons they chose this particular person to be their valentine.

FRUITY VALENTINES

Encourage your students to stay away from candy by making fruit leather hearts.

Place fresh or canned fruit in a blender and puree. Place the mixture in a sauce pan and simmer until thick. Cover a cookie sheet with plastic wrap and spread on the mixture about 1/4 inch thick. Place it in a 130 degree oven for 4 to 8 hours. When leathery, cut it into heart shapes and enjoy!



"LOVELY" SYMBOLS

Brainstorm with your students on a list of Valentine Day's symbols. Ask them each to choose a symbol to research and tell why it is traditionally used to represent the holiday. Here are some suggestions:

Hearts	Flowers
Cupid	Birds
Lace	Candy

You may also like to have the students research the legend of Saint Valentine or find out how Valentine's Day is celebrated in other countries.

VALENTINE BUTTON COVERS

Have students make valentines they can wear home or give away! Cut hearts from colorful pieces of felt about two inches square. Cut a slit in the center of each heart the size of a button hole. Students can draw faces or write valentine messages on the hearts with colored markers. Googly eyes can be glued in place for a truly goofy faced button cover.

VALENTINE TELEGRAM

Ask students to comprise a valentine by using the letters, V-A-L-E-N-T-I-N-E. Give them a few minutes to write the message and then ask them to read their telegrams aloud.