



Valentine's Day Activities and More

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Teachers' Lab activity: How Many Valentines?

http://www.learner.org/teacherslab/math/patterns/valentines/handshakes1_act.html

offers a fun way to connect the Valentine's Day holiday with elementary mathematics.

The Web site for Teaching Math: Grades 3-5 presents an interactive version of the How Many Valentines activity

http://www.learner.org/courses/teachingmath/grades3_5/session_04/section_04_b.html, which illustrates principles of reasoning and proof.

The program "Valentine Exchange" in Teaching Math: A Video Library,

K-4 <http://www.learner.org/resources/series32.html> shows a classroom math lesson just right for the holiday.

See how kindergarten teacher Cindy Wilson uses the making of Valentines as a means of promoting her students' oral language skills in Teaching Reading K-2: A Library of Classroom Practices <http://www.learner.org/libraries/readingk2/wilson/>.

Valentines!

Whether you teach about the heart and circulatory system or are looking for ways to use Valentine's Day to teach writing, don't forget the [Valentines Day page](#) on TeachersFirst's [Holiday Central](#). For more "heartfelt" ideas, try searching *heart* on our [keyword search](#).

[Apples4theteacher.com: Valentine's Day Poetry](#)

Apples4theteacher.com houses several dozen poems that can be read aloud or included in homemade valentines. Although not all the rhymes are attributed, some of the well-known authors include Henry Wadsworth Longfellow ("I shot an arrow into the air, it fell to earth, I knew not where."), Robert Louis Stevenson, and Winifred Sackville Stoner, Jr. (known for

penning the rhyme "In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue/And found this land, land of the free, beloved by you, beloved by me.")

[Bethany Roberts: Friendship Poems by Kids](#)

"Today as Valentines go out / To people near and far / This one I'm sending right to you / To say how nice you are." Children's book author Bethany Roberts has a huge Valentine's Day section which includes poems illustrated with animated graphics, stories, songs and links. Just scroll about half way down this page for the Valentine Poem pages with names like " Valentine Poems," "More Valentine Poems," and (yup) "And More Valentine Poems!" Unfortunately many of the offsite links have gone bad

[Brownielocks: Silly Valentine Poems for Kids](#)

Brownielocks presents a compilation of poems (attributed to a variety of authors) and a collection of original valentine rhymes written by Brownielocks herself. "Popsicles are cold / Cocoa is hot / I'm sending you this incognito / because I like you a lot." I got a big chuckle out of these rhymes, which Brownielocks calls "silly, corny, dumb." She also calls them limericks, but because they do not have an a-a-b-b-a rhyming pattern, they are not.

[Love Poems: Valentine Poems](#)

"Celebrate St Valentines Day with Shakespeare, Keats, Shelley and Lord Byron love poems. What can be more romantic than a Valentine poem or message using the words of a great poet?" Although most are probably too sophisticated for elementary students, these classic love poems will make great Valentine's Day reading in high school English class or to spark a conversation around the dinner table at home. "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day? Thou art more lovely and more temperate." William Shakespeare, Sonnet 18.

[Poem Source: Kid Valentine Poems](#)

Not just another compilation site, Joanna and Karl Fuchs share their original poetry with us at PoemSource.com Some of these poems are for kids to give to family members (moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins) and others are for giving to kids. "Valentine I see you / A lot when we're at school / And every time I see you / I think you're very cool." The Fuchs generously allow personal use of any of their poems, but do ask for attribution that includes their URL. For more of the Fuchs' Valentine's Day rhymes, follow the link to the main valentine page near the bottom of this kid-specific page.

These sites also have songs and poems for Valentine's Day.

[CanTeach](#)

[Poetry4Kids](#)

[DLTK](#)

[Poems for Free](#)

Games

Valentine's Day Jigsaw

<http://www.surfnetkids.com/games/valentine-js.htm>

Valentine's Day Heart Scrambler

<http://www.surfnetkids.com/games/valentine-js.htm>

Coloring Pages

Valentine's Day Coloring Pages

http://www.freekidscoloring.com/holiday/valentines_day/

[VALENTINE CLOTH HEARTS:](#)

Even though you will be using fabric, there's no sewing in this ingenious composition of a valentine. Fabric is glued onto two large paper hearts, and then students will have fun stuffing them and gluing them together.

[ACE OF HEARTS VALENTINES:](#)

What a unique idea... Students will trace a playing card onto red cardstock, and then decorate them with sayings and dimensional, fun foam hearts in different sizes and colors. See an illustration here.

[VALENTINE DOOR CARDS:](#)

Here's a different kind of "knock, knock" fun... Students will create their own houses from cardstock or construction paper, where the doors opens to reveal messages and pictures of themselves.

[REFRIGERATOR HEARTS:](#)

These delicious little hearts are fashioned from fun foam, using craft scissors with various edgings to get the waves and forms. All put together they look like decorated cookies, but are actually refrigerator magnets.

[FINGERPRINT HEART CARDS:](#)

Students can easily create hearts with a stamp pad and their fingerprints, adding a message of their choice. Encourage them to also create fingerprint heart people by adding a couple of stick legs, stick arms, and eyes, nose, and a smile to their Valentine fingerprint cards.

[ACCORDION HEARTS:](#)

This project is perfect for younger grades, though would make a fine Valentine for any grade. Accordion folds are decorated with hearts and pictures, following the directions here.

VALENTINE'S CARDS . . .

[TIED HEARTS VALENTINE CARDS:](#)

[\[LINK2\]](#)

All of these hearts are cut out and then layered together according to size, little to big. Punch out where indicated on the holes, then tie them all together with a beautiful red ribbon. The message reads, "Valentine, will you be mine?" Students can color and decorate their hearts any way they choose.

[HAMMERED HEART CARDS:](#)

Here's a unique valentine for elementary classes, where a simple rectangle of wood is painted red, then students draw on a heart. Along the heart they will hammer in nails, then use string or yarn to form a web around the heart. A message is also glued on; see how here.

[3-D PAPER HEARTS:](#)

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How beautiful and original - you'll want to keep these cards as treasures over the years. Find an online tutorial at the 2nd link above, with a heart template to use at the 3rd link.

[STAINED GLASS HEART CARDS:](#)

Crayons and waxed paper are the materials that transform into stained glass hearts with an iron. They hang and twirl from a dimensional card base, as shown here.

[VALENTINE POP-UP CARDS:](#)

Find illustrated, step-by-step instructions here to create a pop-up Valentine's card, where student photos or art work will decorate the inside heart frames.

[GOLD HEART ATC:](#)

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Why not start a new tradition for Valentine's Day and create ATC Valentine cards? (ATCs are artists' trading cards.) Here's a good way to start, with this gold heart ATC. Have students also

create their own. Use the 2nd link for an ATC template, or have students create their own by tracing around a playing card.

VALENTINE'S DAY . . .

[VALENTINE COUNTING:](#)

Early education students will have to count all the variations of hearts, cards, chocolates, rings, and roses on this student math worksheet for Valentine's Day.

[TIC-TAC-TOE VALENTINE PLAYING CARDS:](#)

Want a simple exercise for Valentine's Day celebrations in the classroom? Try printing out these colorful Tic-Tac-Toe Valentine cards. Students can cut them out and see how many they can collect, by playing against each other and letting the winner keep the cards.

[VALENTINE PATTERNS:](#)

Students will cut out the hearts at the bottom of the page and put them in the correct position to finish the patterns on this early elementary student worksheet.

[SECRET VALENTINES:](#)

Students get to go incognito with this Valentine card, as they cut out their messages, letter by letter, from magazines and newspapers, reassembling the message on cards they design.

[VALENTINE'S DAY STATIONERY:](#)

If you have any writing projects scheduled for Valentine's Day themes, try printing out this heart bordered paper for your final copies.

[CHOCOLATE POETRY:](#)

Using a given format - Sneaky Poetry - students will brainstorm words to describe chocolate and then write their chocolate poems; a great writing lesson plan for Valentine's Day.

[VALENTINE'S DAY MINI WEB TREK:](#)

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A bit of Valentine's Day trivia here - and all very fascinating. Students will use selected links to read and research the answers. You could divide students into teams and set the timer, seeing who can find all the answers first. Use the 2nd link above for the answer key.

[MAKE A HEART BOX:](#)

[\[LINK2\]](#)

Find a template at the 2nd link above for this Valentine's Day heart box - and ask your students to write secret messages to put inside, or to write a descriptive paragraph or two of what may or may not be inside.

[VALENTINE PREFIX BOOKMARKS:](#)

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Print out these bookmarks as an educational Valentine for your students. Available in either color or black and white, students will answer questions about and give examples of prefixes, root words, and suffixes.

[LITERARY VALENTINE BOOKMARKS:](#)

Authors have a good deal to say on the subject of love, and these cute Valentine bookmarks mark their words, as well as the spot in students' books. Cut along the ends or "Vs" of the hearts to create the page markers on these Valentine bookmarks.

[VALENTINE DAY WORD WALLS:](#)

Cut out these Valentine-themed words, all printed on different colors of hearts, for your February word wall. (Ignore instructions - for a different exercise - at the top of the printable page.)

[VALENTINE ACROSTIC II:](#)

Print out this worksheet for a literary Valentine's Day option for your third grade classes, where they will fill in each letter with an adjective or statement to describe either Valentines of their choice, or Valentine's Day itself.

[FISHING FOR VALENTINES:](#)

Three hearts form the basis for this clever Valentine. Cut them out from different colors of paper or cardstock, then brainstorm with your class to come up with some witty sayings to write on the cards.

[VALENTINE MISSING LETTERS:](#)

Each of these Valentine words is missing a letter. Students must select and/or cut out the letters from the candy hearts on the right side of the page to complete each word.

[MAGIC HEART WAND:](#)

Colorful templates are included to cut out and assemble these hearts onto a red, pink, and

orange stem, wound around a pencil - an excellent and easy Valentine's Day craft for your early education classes.

[HEART ELEPHANTS:](#)

These little elephants are so adorable, you'll want to make a whole zoo. Templates are included in black and white or in color; then it's simply a matter of cutting out the hearts and simple shapes and having your students follow instructions to assemble them.

[VICTOR VALENTINE HEART SNAKES:](#)

Don't worry - these snakes may be enchanting but they are quite friendly, and make perfect Valentines. Find templates and instructions here.

[HEART MICE:](#)

DLTK has created some wonderful animal heart creatures, and we've included a couple of our favorites in today's selections. These mice should be easy enough for your youngest grades to handle, particularly if you precut the heart shapes; templates are included to help you out. Students will then glue the pieces together to create these little mice, with a suggested Valentine message included. Very cute!

[VALENTINE VASES:](#)

You will need to create three different sizes of hearts for this Valentine's Day project (older students can create their own versions). Follow directions here to make a perfect Valentine vase.

[BROKEN HEARTS:](#)

A wonderful mosaic effect is created when students glue together their "broken hearts". They will first draw a heart, then cut out or tear up pieces, reassembling their hearts in mosaic fashion. Older students can add decoration to their hearts before tearing them up.

[VALENTINE ROSES:](#)

Make your own lasting bouquet of roses for Valentine's Day. You'll need a variety of shades of reds and pinks in tissue paper, then follow directions to roll them into rose shapes, adding pipe cleaner stems.

HAND OVER YOUR HEART:

You'll get all kinds of variations with this wonderful Valentine's Day craft, a great one that will surely become a perennial favorite in both your elementary and middle school art classes.

FORGET ME NOT VALENTINE SEED CARDS:

You'll need to collect some seeds for this printable Valentine - a great idea to give to grandparents and other relatives. Take students on a seed collection nature walk and see what kinds of pods and seeds you can find. Be sure to label the seeds you include in this packet, so recipients can know what to expect when they plant them.

The Lesson Plan Page

<http://www.lessonplanspage.com/Valentines.htm>

teAchnology

http://www.teach-nology.com/teachers/lesson_plans/holidays/valentine/

A to Z Teacher Stuff

http://atozteacherstuff.com/Themes/Valentine_s_Day/

Mr. Donn.org

<http://holidays.mrdonn.org/valentine.html>

The Teacher's Corner

<http://www.theteacherscorner.net/seasonal/valentines-day/index.htm>

About.com

http://k6educators.about.com/od/februarylessonplans/February_Lesson_Plans_Valentines_Day_Lesson_Plans_for_K6_Teachers.htm

EdHelper

<http://www.edhelpernet.com/cgi-bin/ednet.cgi?search=valentine&mode=2&SMM=1>

Teachnet

<http://www.teachnet.com/lesson/misc/valentines020499.html>

Developing Teachers

http://www.developingteachers.com/tips/valentine_plan1.htm

Theme Units

http://www.themeunits.com/Valentine_c.html

[The History of Valentine's Day](#)

Learn the history of Valentine's Day and more at [History.com](#)

[History of Valentines Day](#)

The history of Valentine's Day originates from the fourth century BC, and might have come about to curb a cruel practice.

[Valentine's Day Videos - Holidays & Celebrations | ExpertVillage ...](#)

Looking for how-to instructions? Get the best online videos on Valentine's Day via free video clips.

[VALENTINE'S DAY BULLETIN BOARD BORDERS:](#)

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If you're looking for an easy and inexpensive way to decorate your bulletin boards for Valentine's Day, then try these colorful, printable borders, all themed to hearts and love; our own printable border tops the list.

[VALENTINE'S DAY CLIPART:](#)

Here's a great assortment of Valentine's Day clipart for your various school worksheets, notes, bulletin boards, etc.

[IDEAS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY:](#)

From songs and poems to creating Valentines and writing, find some great ideas here to share with your classes this year.

[VALENTINE ALPHABET MATCH-UPS:](#)

Using inexpensive pink and red sheets of fun foam along with some puffy paints, your classes can create their own wonderful alphabet hearts. Lower and upper case letter patterns have to match; then create your own matching games or turn them all over and play a game of Concentration.

[VALENTINE COLORS MINI BOOK:](#)

Is a Valentine red, or is it blue? Your students will have to color in the hearts in this very cute, printable Valentine's Day mini book, focusing on color recognition and following directions - perfect for a last minute and easy Valentine's Day activity.

[CHOCOLATE SCENTED PLAYDOUGH:](#)

You can have lots of fun with this wonderful smelling playdough, perfect for creating a whole batch of Valentine playdough crafts.

[DRIPPING HEARTS:](#)

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Have fun with this Valentine's craft, where students will drip paint onto their heart templates, either from their paintbrushes dipped in red, white, or pink, or using squeeze bottles and moving them quickly across the heart. Make sure you put down lots of newspaper for this craft.

[EASY VALENTINES MAILBOX:](#)

You'll need a whole pile of file folders for this Valentine's Day mailbox, where students will cut out some heart templates of all sizes and colors, paint them, and attach them to the file folders. Gather some lace, buttons, paper doilies and stickers, etc. for personalized mailboxes.

[LACING VALENTINE HEART:](#)

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Obtain some of the thin and inexpensive satin ribbon on cardboard spools for this craft, and print out the beautifully patterned heart onto cardstock. Students can also lace together 2 of these Valentines, stuffing the inside with cotton or paper. This Valentine will make a great gift for parents, from your early elementary classes. Use the 2nd link above for a black and white version of the lacing heart.

[VALENTINE MAGNET MESSAGES:](#)

Students can move these simple, recognizable "magnets" around the board to write a Valentine's Day message for someone special.

[VALENTINE'S DAY COUPONS:](#)

Here's a great little idea for a last minute Valentine printable activity for your students. They will print, cut, and assemble this little Valentine coupon book, perhaps something for your students to make and take home for Mom. This little coupon book, written on hearts and assembled with ribbons or staples, makes a perfect Valentine's Day gift.

Visit the **HP** site for colorful Valentine's Day projects you or your students can print.

http://www.hp.com/hho/hp_create/cards-greeting_cards.html?jumpid=reg_R1002_USEN

60 free valentine cards that you can download and print. Or, download customizable versions for just \$4.00.

<http://www.freeprintablevalentines.net/>