



FEBRUARY, FRIENDS AND FUN

February is the month for valentines and the purpose of Valentine's Day is to tell those we love, that we care about them. The theme of "friendship" could be integrated throughout the month of February.

You could begin by brainstorming with your class for some activities they would like to do. Students can write their ideas, that way the most appropriate ideas can be discussed.

Organize the activities on a large class calendar. Give the students a copy so that the parents know what to expect and assist with.

Here are a few suggestions:

1. If you are having a party include party preparations in your schedule; cooking treats, making placemats, decorating paper cups, making Valentine cards, delivering the cards, "Party Day"..
2. Red Day
3. Bring a "stuffed" friend today.
4. Bring a treat for a friend (pick names) write a rhyme on your treat.
5. Sit beside your friend(s) all day.
6. Pay "compliments" today.
7. A) Write a letter/note to a friend or relative today.
B) Bring an envelope today and have the address of your friend/relative. Bring a stamp to mail the letter.
C) Take a walk to the post office or nearest letter drop.
8. Write/Print with red today!
9. Plan something special that your whole family can do one day this month.
10. Pancake Day - Set up activities with a pancake theme for the day.
11. After Valentine's Day each student chooses the card they liked best to share with the class.
12. Chocolate Day

SAINT VALENTINE

Long ago there lived a monk named Valentine. He lived in a monastery with many famous and talented monks. Each monk had a special skill and became very useful.

There were monks who were artists and painted beautiful pictures for the monastery. Some monks were great musicians and would sing in the chapel. People would come to listen to the beautiful music. There were doctors who helped cure the sick and great teachers who gave lessons to young men.

Valentine felt that he had no special skill. He spent his time working in a small garden plot where he grew vegetables for the monastery and grew beautiful flowers which he shared with everyone.

Valentine's garden became a place of beauty. He shared his flowers with the villagers and he made gifts for the children on their birthday.

Everyone loved Valentine for his kindness. When he died, Valentine's friends wanted to find a way to honour and remember him.

Finally, they decided to continue sending tokens and sharing kind thoughts to their friends the way Valentine did.

Since then, on Valentine's Day people have been sending messages and gifts to show others that they are thinking of them or to say they love them.

Word Wise 3

Use a red arrow to help Cupid match up the synonyms.

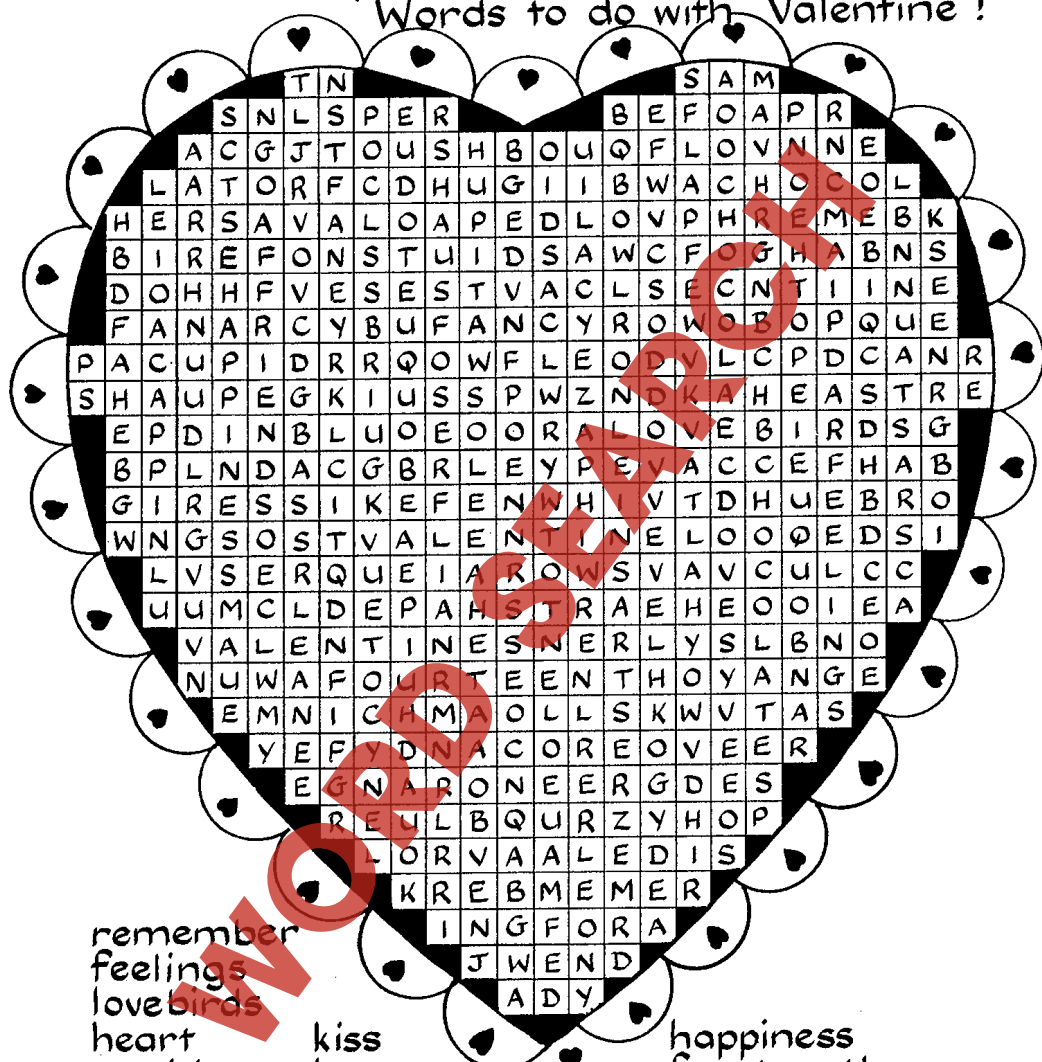
Synonym Match

funny large present miniature friend tiny love give
 happy gift elated delicate conical
 symbol gigantic taken snuggle fragile cuddle message decorated note
 fancy affection send

Dear Valentine,

Seek and you will find words to do with Valentine!

Word Wise 7



remember feelings love birds heart cupid friends doves arrow candy pink

kiss hug lacy love bow fancy flowers

happiness fourteenth heart-shaped St. Valentine bouquet chocolates valentines

Brainstorming 1

How well do you know....

Pals and Pairs

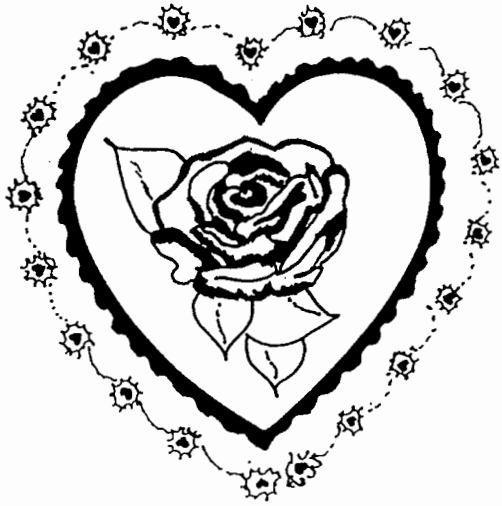
Stories and television have presented many famous pals and pairs.

Do you know the names of the matching pals and pairs?

- _____ and Jane.
- _____ and Mindy.
- Lois Lane and _____.
- Romeo and _____.
- Anthony and _____.
- Minnie Mouse and _____.
- Napoleon and _____.
- Jack and _____.
- _____ and Donald Duck.
- Fred and _____ Flintstone.
- E.T. and _____.
- Olive Oyl and _____.
- Charlie Brown and _____.

Add the pals and pairs you know. See if a friend can guess one of their names. Illustrate your favourite pair in a Valentine.

Creative 1

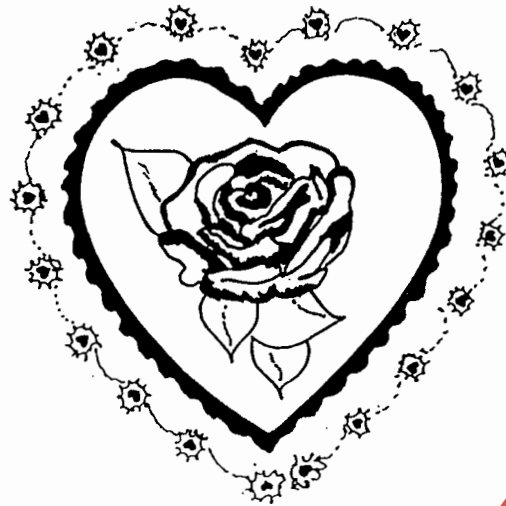


Rebus Writing

Writing messages using symbols or pictures, and letters, is called rebus writing.

- Write a Valentine message using rebus writing.
You may draw your pictures, or cut them out from magazines or a newspaper.
- Write a message to someone in your class using rebus writing.
Deliver it and see if your friend can read your message.

Creative 2



Write a Poem

Write an acrostic poem about February or Valentines.

February

February is the **s**econd month when
Buys valentines to send. People wear
Red on Valentine's Day and
Usually send cards
And gifts to their friends. People
Really fall in love too! How about
You?

Write your ideas about a topic,
February, Valentines, Cupid, Flowers...
Sometimes your ideas will end up in
rhyme.
Decorate your poem.

Mathematics I



Complete the chart.
Count by 2's.

Circle the answers in the chart.

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Valentine Art Ideas

- Decorate a shoe box for a mailbox, or a cereal box for a valentine tote.
- Make valentine pockets that can be taped to the desks or ledges.
- Make heart-shaped animals, "Love Bugs" or insects.
- Make placemats to use at your valentine lunch.
- Do some heart weaving.
- Make a heart collage, or a "Bouquet of Hearts" using various textures of paper.
- Design valentine cards, posters, bookmarks, February stamps, menus.
- Make patterns showing symmetry.
- Love Blots - (similar to ink blots)
- Use red paint on white.
- Hearts and flowers mobile.

