

Valentine DAZE



Discover over 200 ways to say, "I love you!"
This booklet provides hundreds great ideas to
celebrate Valentine's Day.

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Art & Crafts

Full Heart

Materials: red construction paper, scissors, stapler, newspaper, red ribbon
Directions: Cut out two big, identical-sized red hearts and decorate as desired. Staple edges together, leaving an opening at the top to be stuffed with newspaper. After stuffing the heart, staple the top together completely; including a red ribbon in the middle so the heart can be hung up.

Queen of Heart Cards

Take the queen of hearts from a deck of playing cards, and use a paper punch to put a hole in the bottom corners and in the sides. Add pipe cleaners for legs and arms. At the end of the arms attach small paper hearts for the hands. Attach a larger heart for the face and draw on facial expression.

Valentine Family

Create heart magnets of the whole family. Purchase flat magnet paper at the craft store. Then cut out the faces from photographs of family members and paste each face onto a paper body made out of hearts. Paste each drawing onto the magnet paper so your heart family can live on the fridge. It's a Valentine's craft that stays special year round.

Kool-Aid Dough

Mix together the following ingredients: 2 1/2 cups flour, 1 cup salt, and 2 small packages red Kool-Aid (unsweetened). Add 2 cups boiling water and 3 teaspoons of oil. Knead. This dough will keep very well in a zipper bag for quite some time (months!), if you remember to always store it in the bag with all the air squeezed out. Refrigerate for a different texture.

Jell-o Dough

Materials: 1 cup water, 1/2 cup salt, 1 cup flour, 2 tablespoons of cream of tartar, 2 tablespoons oil, and 1 large package of jell-o.

Directions: Mix all ingredients together in a sauce pan. Heat the combined ingredients over medium heat until it forms a soft ball. Place dough on a flour covered surface to cool.

Additional Math Ideas:

- ❖ Give the students small paper plates with one numeral written on each plate. Ask the students to place the number of heart cut outs on each plate, according to the numeral written on the plate.
- ❖ Make ten construction paper or felt cutouts of hearts. Number each with 1-10. Children then place the correct amount of buttons or other manipulative to correspond with that number.
- ❖ Have students draw a map for the mail carrier to find their house.

Counting

Use Flash cards below to practice counting. Extend the activity with these simple ideas:

On the back of each card below stick on the appropriate number of stickers. For example: 6 stickers on back of the card labeled "6."

You can also put dots on one set and then the corresponding numbers on the other set.

Provide a supply of counters that are small enough to cover the stickers. Try transparent plastic bingo markers in different colors or beads, or beans.

Have the child ...

- 1) place a card numeral side up,
- 2) count out the correct number of counters,
- 3) turn the card over and match up counters & stickers in one-to-one correspondence. This is a self checking activity. If the stickers and counters don't match up something is wrong.

