



Valentine's Day PK4

The learning objectives for this week are:

- Celebrating the holiday
- Practice the concept of "love your neighbor"
- To make Valentine's Day gifts for family and friends
- Teach how God's love works

Sensory & Fine Motor Skills

- Rice bin with valentine's themed items, such as hearts of different types, red and white jewels, a valentine's boa, heart playing cards, heart glasses, etc. (buy items the week after Valentine's Day for amazing deals for the following year)
- Homemade chocolate playdough (<http://www.123homeschool4me.com/2013/01/valentines-day-2-chocolate-playdoh.html?m=1>)
- String a valentine necklace (\$1 play pack from Michaels/Hobby Lobby) or buy beads and make your own necklace (bought beads at 90% off week after Valentine's Day at Hobby Lobby)
- Play with heart shaped cookie cutters and playdough
- Hang up gel window clings to play with. Find ones that say "Happy Valentine's Day" to practice spelling the words
- Scissor Valentine Cards (<http://twitchetts.com/2017/01/scissor-practice-valentines.html/>)
- Hammering and tying string art (<https://realitydaydream.com/heart-shaped-beginner-string-art-kids-craft/>)

Math Element

- Roll to fill heart cookie cutter activity (<https://modernpreschool.com/math-game-roll-to-fill-and-other/>)
- Valentine's Day dice counting and color game (<http://www.fantasticfunandlearning.com/valentine-math-roll-and-color-activity.html>)
- Roll and color counting game (<https://funlearningforkids.com/roll-color-valentines-day-counting-game/>)
- Counting candy hearts (<http://erin-specialeducation.blogspot.com/2013/02/valentines-day-candy-heart-graph.html?m=1>)
- Measuring God's Love (<http://www.freehomeschooldeals.com/free-measuring-gods-love-lesson-and-printable-set/>)

Literacy Element

- Valentine's Day Letter Puzzle- great way to review the letters you have been learning. Takes a while to cut and laminate, but it is worth it! (http://www.livinglifeandlearning.com/valentines-day-letter-puzzles.html?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Valentine+s+Day+Letter+Puzzles+%2B+More&utm_campaign=vday+letter+puzzles)
- Valentine's Day letter tracing (<https://thelettersofliteracy.com/valentines-day-alphabet-tracing-printables/>)
- Conversation hearts printable (<http://www.freehomeschooldeals.com/free-valentines-day-learning-activity/>)
- Matching upper and lower case letters "broken hearts" in a shoebox of red paper shreds
- Sort or draw letters of name on a "love bug" to reinforce spelling/writing of child's name
- Learn to draw hearts (<https://www.havefunteaching.com/product/worksheets/holiday-worksheets/valentines-day-worksheets/drawing-hearts-worksheet/>)
- Sight Word Hearts (<http://www.theprimarypost.com/2018/01/cvc-hearts-freebie.html?m=!>)
- Rhyming Hearts ([http://www.123homeschool4me.com/2017/02/valentines-day-rhyming-cut-paste.html?utm_source=bloglovin.com&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+123homeschool4me/WkbE+\(123+Homeschool+4+Me\)&m=!](http://www.123homeschool4me.com/2017/02/valentines-day-rhyming-cut-paste.html?utm_source=bloglovin.com&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+123homeschool4me/WkbE+(123+Homeschool+4+Me)&m=!))
- Pin Poking (<http://www.totschooling.net/2016/02/valentines-day-picture-word-tracing-printables.html?m=!>)
- Color by letter (<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Valentines-Day-Color-by-Letter-Pages-FREEBIE-1666545>)

Science Element

- Secret message science (<https://www.redtedart.com/valentines-day-cards-science-secret-messages/>)
- Layered love potion (<https://www.playdoughtoplato.com/layered-love-potion/>)
- Baking soda heart science (<https://b-inspiredmama.com/fizzy-hearts-science-for-kids/>)
- Valentine's Day bubble science (<https://www.pre-kpages.com/valentines-day-bubble-science-activity/>)
- Dancing conversation hearts (https://www.playdoughtoplato.com/dancing-conversation-hearts/#_a5y_p=4841309)
- Borax Crystal Hearts
<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/crystal-hearts-valentines-science-experiment/>
- Sharing Gods Love Experiment (<http://www.playeatgrow.com/2015/02/valentine-object-lesson.html>)

Arts & Crafts

- Make a craft box with fun items to play with during the week (helpful if you have other children with their own activities)- fill with valentine colored pipe cleaners, cotton balls, stamps, and stickers
- Make daddy a present for Valentine's Day (we found and painted a box for his desk at work)
- Cookie cutter art- <http://www.pocketofpreschool.com/2017/01/valentines-day-themed-centers-and.html>
- Color Valentine's Day frames for grandparents and fill with pictures of your child, make a heart sand jar, hearts melty bead kit, pompom critters kit, paint a magnet, make windmills (bought on sale at Hobby Lobby)
- Make a construction paper heart necklace (<http://christian-parent.com/valentines-day-heart-necklace-kids/>)
- Crown of hearts
https://www.highlights.com/parents/crafts/crown-hearts?utm_source=pinterest&utm_campaign=020817_heartcrown&utm_medium=social_activity_engage
- Valentines mailbox decorating
- Superhero Cupid Costume
- Cupid Cape (<https://www.happinessishomemade.net/diy-personalized-superhero-cape-t-shirt/>)
- Cupid mask (<http://www.100layercakelet.com/2015/02/03/diy-superhero-valentines/>)
- Pipette Arrows: Use 2 different sized straws or straw and pipette with skinny end cut off to fashion a "rocket". Tape a cut out heart on the end and shoot cupid's arrow of love at target by blowing into your straw

Music & Movement

- Cupids arrow toss or shoot with bow
<http://www.joyintheworks.com/valentine-party-game-cupids-target-practice/>
- Songs to sing and dance along to:
 - Skidamarinkadink
 - I've Got The Joy bible song
 - I Love You, You Love Me (Barney)

Books to Read

- Happy Valentine's Day, Curious George (great to read right before making valentines for friends)
- The Berenstain Bears' Valentine Blessings and Love Their Neighbors (Love Their Neighbors was a favorite for the week and helped prepare us for sharing cookies)
- Scooby Doo Vanishing Valentines
- Barney's Happy Valentine's Day (use in conjunction with teaching the "I Love You" song)
- Dora's Valentine Adventure (fun picture flapbook for baby and preschooler to enjoy together)
- "The Day It Rained Hearts" Felicia Bond
- "The Night Before Valentine's Day" Natasha Wing
- "The Valentine Bears" Eve Bunting
- "Counting Kisses" Karen Katz
- "My Valentine for Jesus" by Laurie Knowlton
- "Pinkalicious" by Victoria Kann
- "Love Monster" by Rachel Bright
- "Have You Filled A Bucket Today" by Carol McCloud

Shows & Movies

- Lady and The Tramp
- Wall-E
- VeggieTales-Lettuce Love One Another
- Mickey and Minnie's Sweetheart Stories
- Be My Valentine, Charlie Brown/A Charlie Brown Valentine
- Curious George- "Happy Valentine's Day, George!"
- Mickey Mouse Clubhouse- "A Valentine's Surprise for Minnie"

Places and Experiences

- Local Library Valentine Storytime
- Field trip to a nursing home or play date to practice loving your neighbor (deliver cards to residents, make a craft or have snack together)
- Have a valentine's day party with friends
- Date with your kids: ice skating, in home spa day, etc

Snacks

- Make daddy cupcakes for Valentine's Day dessert
- Have a valentine's day tea party with valentine's day snacks (<https://www.momlifemadeeasy.com/easy-valentine-snacks/>)
- Valentine's day lunch (<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/258042253630007234/>)
- Valentine Puppy Chow (<https://www.sarahhalstead.com/valentine-puppy-chow/>)
- Lunchbox ideas (<https://www.wineandglue.com/valentines-day-lunch-box/>)

Miscellaneous

- Valentine box sound matching

<http://www.andnextcomes1.com/2014/01/montessori-inspired-sound-matching.html?m=>

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<http://www.ourtimetolearn.com/blog/category/five-senses/>

for “sounds like fun” printables to pair with boxes