

February Friendship Fun!

Celebrate friends and family this month. Enjoy these activities to do by yourself, with classmates, or other friends and family.

A PERFECT PAIR!

Pair up with a friend to brainstorm things that go together, like peanut butter and jelly or salt and pepper. After you have made your list, construct a poem using this prompt: WE GO TOGETHER LIKE... and fill in the pairs. Choose an ending to your poem.

HEART ART

Materials: white paper, light colored crayon, watercolor paint

Use the crayon to create a variety of different hearts or a picture using hearts on the paper. When finished, paint over drawing. When the paint dries, your picture will be revealed.

FRIENDLY FACTS

Who is your best friend? (You don't have to choose a person.) Think about why this friend is the best! List at least 10 things that make your friend special. When finished, put your list in an envelope and write your friend's name on the front. Deliver your

friendly facts to your friend the next time you see him/her.

FRIENDLY RECIPE

What does it take to make a good friend? First, list all the ingredients (characteristics) that "make" a good friendship. Next, write a set of instructions—the recipe. What steps are needed to keep a friendship strong and happy? How do you "bake" it? What can you do to add "icing" or "sprinkles"? Decorate this recipe if you'd like and share with a friend.

WHO'S WHO?

Have you ever wondered how Valentine's Day got its name? You might also be curious about the pictures of a baby boy with wings and a bow and arrow. Research Valentine's Day: report what you find out about St. Valentine, Cupid, how the date was set, and how the tradition of giving cards began.

MAN'S BEST FRIEND

It has been said that dogs are a man's best friend. Do you think that an animal can feel love? Can a dog or a cat? What about a turtle, a mouse or a flea? What makes you answer yes or no to this question? Explain and give reasons or examples.

MELT MY HEART!

Materials: 5 clear cups, plain water, vinegar, soda, salt water, rubbing alcohol, candy hearts. Fill each cup ¼ full with one of the liquids listed above; use a different liquid for each. Place one heart in each cup. Hypothesize which will dissolve most quickly. Record the order at which the hearts melted. Write about your findings and your hypothesis.

WAIT 'TIL YOU HEAR THIS!

Write a story about the most amazing thing that ever happened to you and a friend. Be sure to include a beginning, middle and end to your story. It can be an autobiographical (true) narrative or a fictional narrative. Use descriptive words to paint a picture for your readers. For more fun, you write half and let your friend write the other half—together or independently! Then share.

CANDYGRAM

Materials: 1 box of "conversation" candy hearts, glue, construction paper, pencil

Write a letter to a friend or family member using your own words and the sayings on the conversation hearts. As you write, glue the conversation hearts in place where the sayings fit in. Read it aloud to make yourself smile!

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My Heart Map

Divide your heart into different sections. In each section, illustrate or write about something that is important to you. Then decorate your heart.

