



Read & Create: Thumbprint Valentines

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Kit includes:

- This activity sheet
- Thumbprint Valentine Kit



SING TOGETHER: H-E-A-R-T (to the tune of "BINGO")

There is a shape and it means love
And "heart" is its name. Oh!
H-E-A-R-T, H-E-A-R-T, H-E-A-R-T
and heart is its name! Oh!

Continue but clap instead of saying a letter
(*clap* - E - A - R - T, *clap* *clap* A - R - T) etc...



TALK TOGETHER: A Valentine's List

Make a list of the people in your child's life.
What do they like about that person?
What is something special about that person?

Make Valentine's for some (or all!) of the
people on the list.

Conversations like these help little ones develop their vocabulary.



PLAY TOGETHER: Make shapes

HEART FINGERPLAY

I put my hands together; this is how I start
I curve my fingers right around, and I can make a heart!

What other shapes can you make with your hands?

Booklist



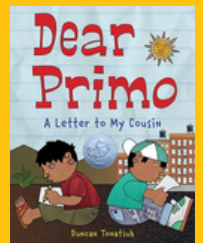
**In My Heart: a
book of feelings
by Jo Witek**

**Fingerprint Bugs
by Bobbie Nuytten**



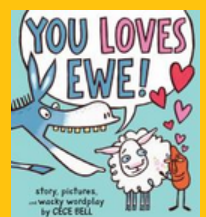
**The Secret Lives
of Squirrels:
a love story
by Nancy Rose**

**Dear Primo:
a letter to my
cousin by
Duncan Tonatiuh**



**Valentine's Day by
Rebecca Pettiford**

**You Loves Ewe!
by Cece Bell**





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3 More Activities



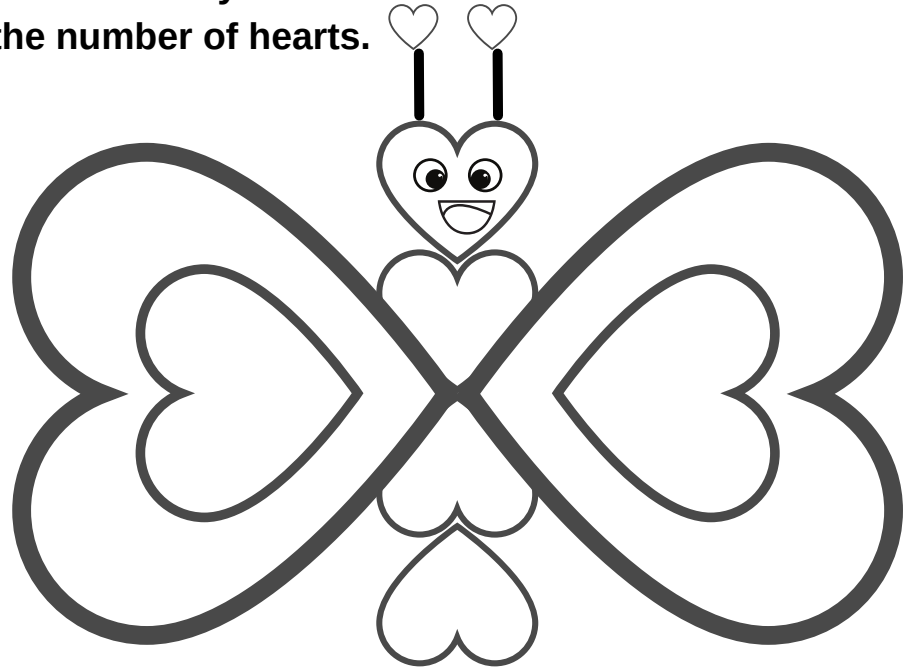
1. Fingerprint Valentine's Card

Follow the instructions included with the kit. After you've created your caterpillars, invite your child to write their name on the inside. Talk about the letters in their name. Who will they send the card to?

What other animals can they make using their thumbprint and ink pad? Have fun creating!

2. Heart Butterfly

Color in the butterfly.
Count the number of hearts.



3. Valentine's Day Wildlife Feeders

Show some love for other animals this winter by creating these a cute snack for outside animals when food is scarce.

Threading cereal onto chenille stems is a good fine motor skill practice. You can create these feeders in multiple shapes, developing your child's natural math skills.

Needed:

- Chenille stems (pipe cleaners)
- Loop cereals (Cheerios or Froot Loops)
- Twine or Yarn

String the cereal onto the chenille stem (and set aside a bowl for snacking if needed!). Twist the ends of the chenille stem together. Take some twine or yarn and create a loop. Hang your feeder outside and see who stops for a snack!

Source: <https://sweetandsimpleliving.com/preschool-valentine-crafts-fruit-loop-heart-bird-feeder/>

What we're practicing...

- **Fine Motor Dexterity** - Grasping and controlling objects. Using pencils, crayons, and markers to create.
- **Math** - Recognizing and naming shapes.
- **Alphabet** - The letters in our names and in the other words (H-E-A-R-T)