

Valentine's Day

February 14th

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Sweethearts-Conversation Hearts

- NECCO® manufactures eight billion Sweethearts® Conversation Hearts each year, the majority of which are sold during the six-week period between January 1 and Valentine's Day; making Sweethearts the #1 selling non-chocolate Valentine's Day candy.
- Since the turn of the 20th century, more than 250 billion Sweethearts have rolled off the NECCO production lines.
- Sweethearts Conversation Hearts, originally called Motto Hearts, were created in 1866 by Daniel Chase, brother of NECCO founder, Oliver Chase.
- Before World War I, Sweethearts Conversation Hearts were made in various shapes such as postcards, watches, baseballs or horseshoes, and the hearts were embossed with curlicues.
- Sweethearts Conversation Hearts are a great treat for the calorie-conscious. The fat-free, sodium-free candies contain three calories per small heart and six calories per large heart.

Web resources
www.wikipedia.org
www.necco.com
www.stvalentines.net

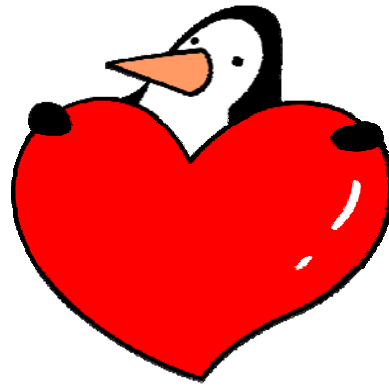
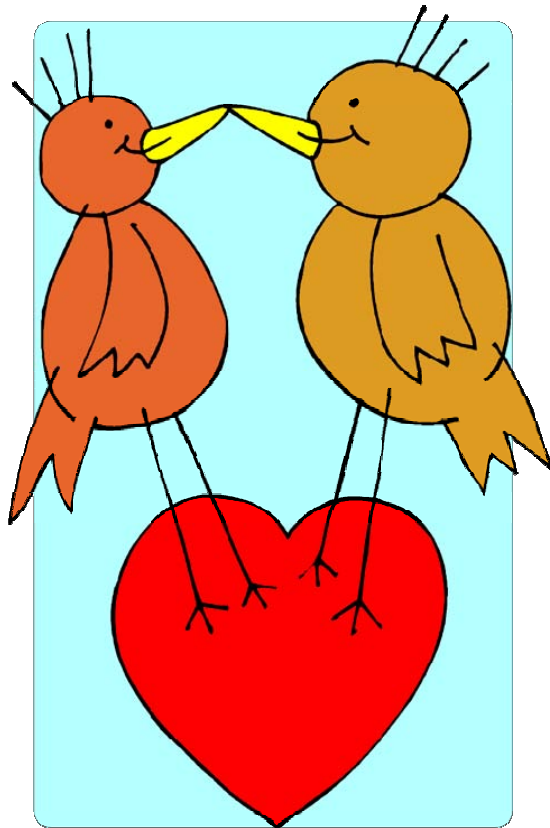
- If you placed the annual production of Sweethearts Conversation Hearts back to back across the United States they would stretch from New York to Los Angeles and back again. That equals 5,924 miles!
- NECCO introduces 10 new Sweethearts Conversation Hearts sayings each year. In 2005, NECCO introduced sayings inspired by the game of love including "#1 Fan," "Fit for Love," and "Dream Team." In 2006, the new Sweethearts sayings were inspired by the comforts of home including "Sweet Home," "Home Soon," and "Call Home." This year, NECCO will introduce 10 new sayings that pay tribute to pet-loving ways with sayings that include "Cool Cat," "Puppy Love," "Love Bird," and "My Pet."



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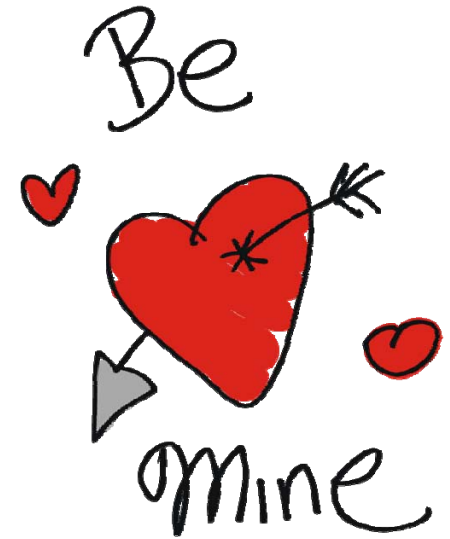
We love
because
He first
loved us.

I John 4:19



Sonnet XVIII, Shall I Compare Thee?
By William Shakespeare

Shall I compare thee to a Summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And Summer's lease hath all too short a date:
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd:
But thy eternal Summer shall not fade
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st;
Nor shall Death brag thou wander'st in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st:
So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.



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Fold-and-Learn® Instructions:

You can use any method (folds or techniques) you like to create your fold-and-learn®, but if this is your first, the following instructions will help to guide you and your child.

Supplies:

- 2- 8 1/2 x 11 file folders
- Glue Stick
- Scissors
- Colored cardstock
- Markers and Pens
- Printed copies of your *Five in a Row* facts
- Brads or a stapler

Lapbook Sections:

Valentine's Day Around the world

Vocabulary Words

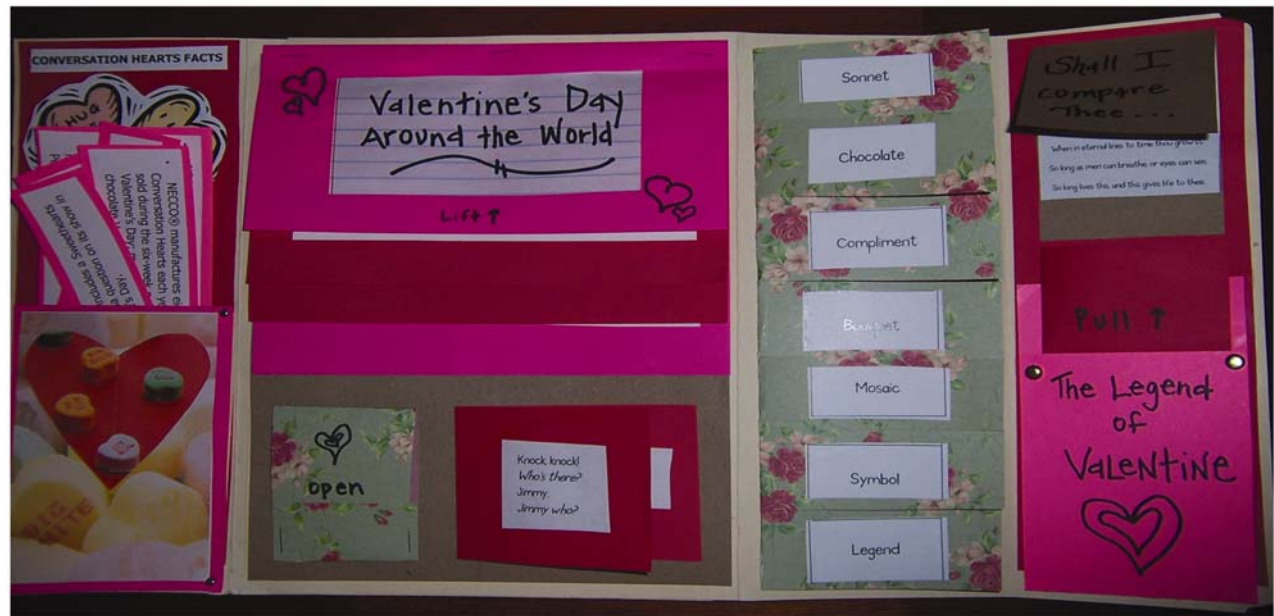
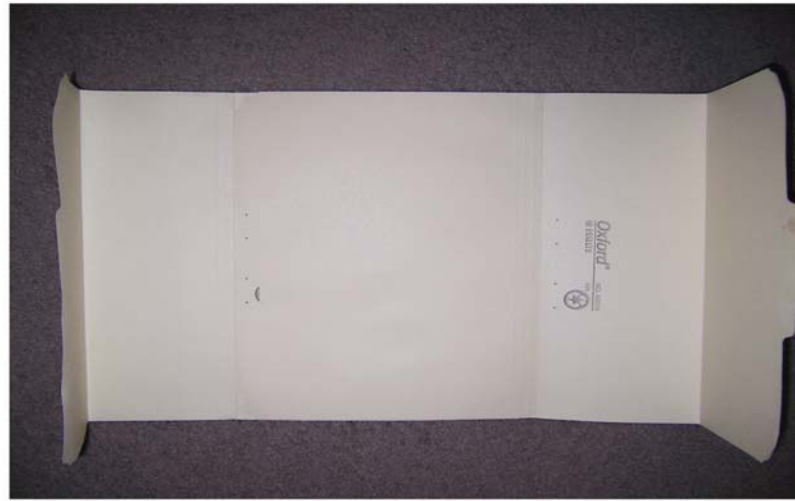
Shakespearian Sonnet

The Legend of St. Valentine

Bible Verse

Conversation Heart Facts

Knock, Knock Joke



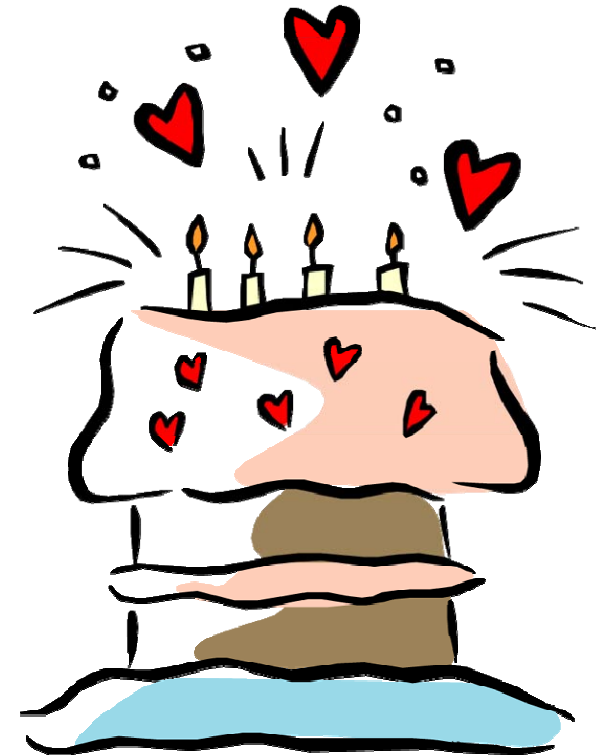
Valentine's Day Around the World

You will need two 8.5 x 11 sheets of paper. Fold the first sheet approximately 2 inches from the edge. Fold the second sheet approximately one inch from the edge. Next, nest the two sheets inside one another to create a flip book. Staple at the top if desired or just glue down to the file folder. This creates your flaps to cut and paste the flags and facts strips provided.



Valentine Vocabulary

Fold an 8.5 x 11 piece of cardstock in half lengthwise. Cut apart vocabulary words and adhere to the outside. Cut between each word and adhere the corresponding definition underneath the word on the outside. Then, adhere your completed vocabulary lift and look mini book to the folder.





Pocket of Conversation Heart Facts

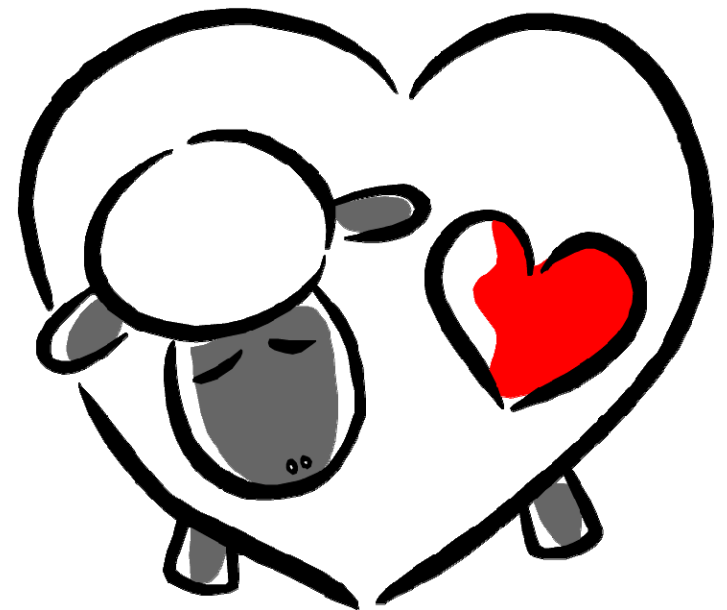
Use a smaller scrap of cardstock to create a pocket. Use staples or brads to attach it to the folder. Next, glue your facts onto cardstock and cut apart. Place cardstock strips inside the pocket and you're done!

Legend of Valentine Pocket

Create a pocket identical to the Conversation hearts pocket and use the facts provided as copywork or simply cut and paste onto another sheet of cardstock. Fold and place in pocket.

Additional Elements

The last two elements...a memory verse and a knock, knock joke are simple lift and look folds. Feel free to be creative with all of the lapbook elements. These directions are simply suggestions to get you started. Be creative!



Knock knock.

Who's there?

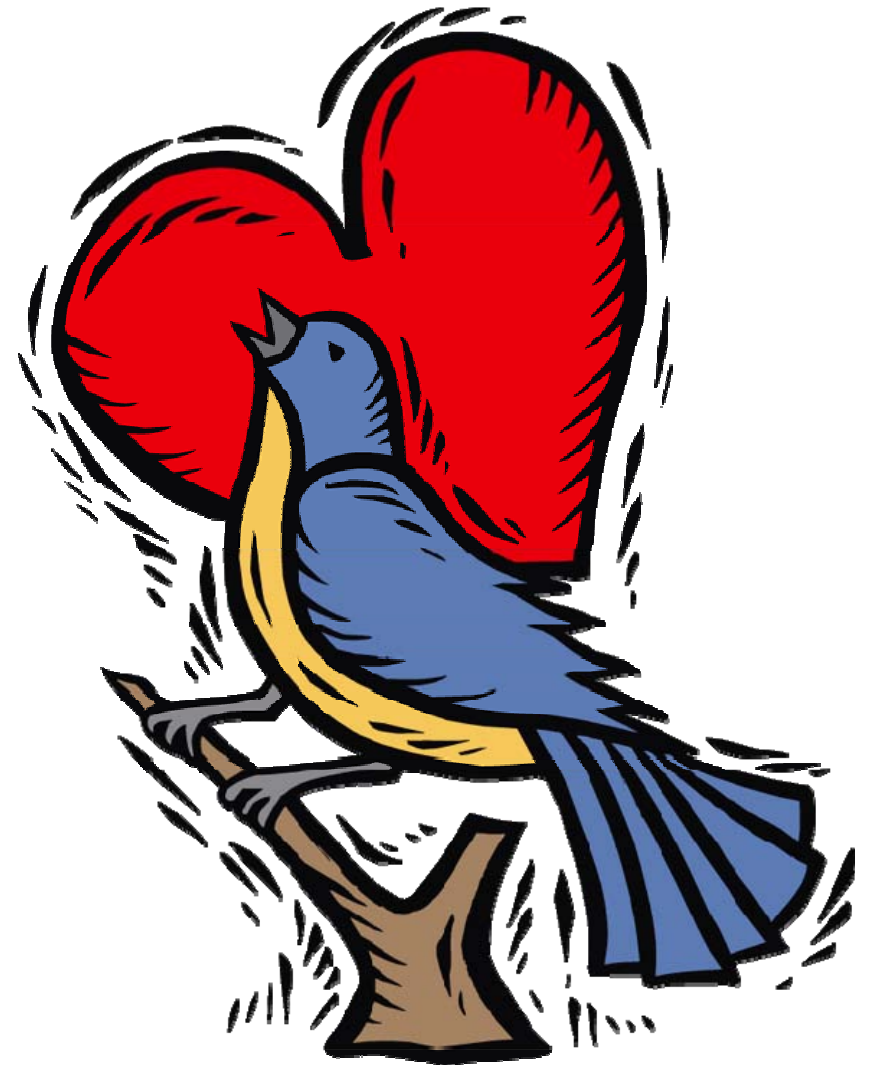
Jimmy.

Jimmy who?

Jimmy a kiss valentine!



Aim for the Heart





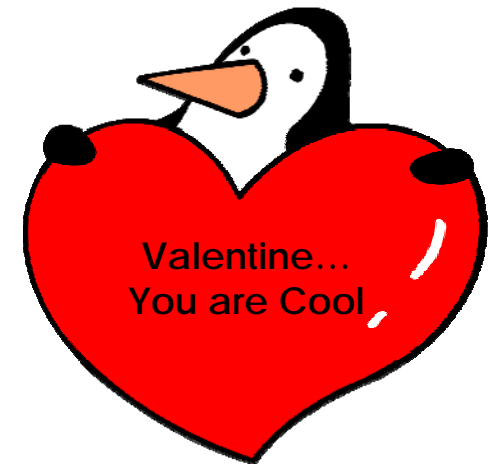
Legend has it that Valentine was a priest who served during third century Rome. There was an Emperor at that time by the name of Claudius II. Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those that were married. With this thought in mind he outlawed marriage for young men in hopes of building a stronger military base. Supposedly, Valentine decided this decree just wasn't fair and chose to marry young couples secretly. When Emperor Claudius II found out about Valentine's actions he had him put to death.

Another legend has it that Valentine was an imprisoned man who fell in love with his jailor's daughter. Before he was put to death he sent the first 'valentine' himself when he wrote her a letter and signed it 'Your Valentine', words still used on cards today.



Perhaps we'll never know the true identity and story behind the man named St. Valentine, but this much is for sure...February has been the month to celebrate love for a long time, dating clear back to the Middle Ages. In fact, Valentines ranks second only to Christmas in number of greeting cards sent.

*Another valentine gentleman you may be wondering about is Cupid (Latin cupido, "desire"). In Roman mythology Cupid is the son of Venus, goddess of love. His counterpart in Greek mythology is Eros, god of love. Cupid is often said to be a mischievous boy who goes around wounding both gods and humans with his arrows, causing them to fall in love.



*Because many children ask questions about the images surrounding Valentine's Day we have included this information for the teacher. You can decide whether to include this in your project or leave it out.

Match the definitions. Cut and paste into your own Valentine's Day Fold-and-Learn.©

Sonnet

A remark (or act) expressing praise and admiration.

Chocolate

Something visible that by association or appearance represents something else that is invisible.

Compliment

Art consisting of a design made of small pieces of colored stone or glass.

Bouquet

An arrangement of flowers that is usually given as a present.

Symbol

A food composed of the roasted seeds of the cacao bean ground and mixed with other ingredients, usually sugar, and cinnamon or vanilla.

Legend

A verse form consisting of 14 lines with a fixed rhyme scheme.

Mosaic

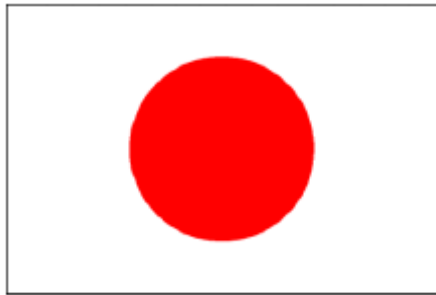
A story handed down from earlier times, especially one popularly believed to be historical.



Valentines Day in Italy

In Italy Valentine's Day is celebrated as a Spring Festival and is held outdoors. In centuries past, young people would gather in ornamental gardens, where they would listen to music and hear poetry read, and then they would stroll off with their valentine together into the gardens. This custom over the years has ceased and it has not been celebrated for centuries.

In the Italian city of Turin it was customary for an engaged couple to announce their engagement on this day. In days leading up to Valentine's Day shops would be decorated and filled with all sorts of bon-bons or candies.



Valentines Day in Japan

In Japan, Valentine's Day is celebrated on two different dates...February 14 and March 14. On the first date, the female gives a gift to the male and on the second date...known as White Day and supposedly introduced by a marshmallow company in the 1960s...the male has to return the gift he received on February 14. Thus, strictly speaking, a Japanese female has the luxury of actually choosing her own gift. Chocolate is the most popular gift in Japan. However, since most Japanese females believe that store-bought chocolate is not a gift of true love, they tend to make the confection at home.



Valentines Day in Australia

During the Australian gold rush period, miners who were suddenly in possession of money from the new-found wealth of the Ballarat Mines were willing to pay a large sum for elaborate valentines and merchants in the country would ship orders amounting to thousands of pounds at a time. The most extravagant Australian valentines were made of a satin cushion, perfumed and decorated in an ornate manner with flowers and colored shells. Some might even be adorned with a decorative humming bird or bird of paradise. This treasure, contained within a decorated box, was highly valued, being both fashionable and expensive.

(Information gathered from Wikipedia (www.wikipedia.org))

Five in a Row Valentine Puzzle

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five in a
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love
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celebrate
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hearts
roses
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poetry
hugs
kisses
admire

Paper Bag Book

Here is a great way to introduce the concept of compliments and words of encouragement as mentioned in *Five in a Row Holiday*.©

Create a book of compliments to give to siblings and family members. We entitled this one "10 Things I Love About You" .

Supplies

*4 or 5 paper lunch sacks

hole punch

paints, markers, stickers or other items to use for decoration

Ribbon, yarn, twine or brads for fastening the book together

To make your book:

1. Collect four or five paper lunch bags of the same size and color.
2. Stack the bags alternating open and sealed ends.
3. Fold the bags in half and crease.
4. Bind the bags about a quarter inch out from the crease using stitching, or holes punched and filled with ribbons or brads. (If you are punching holes for ribbons or brads, it is easiest to make a template and punch through one folded bag at a time.
5. Decorate the pages using patterned paper, cardstock, photos, stickers, stitching, staples, buttons, fibers and any other embellishments you like.
6. Create coordinating tags to place inside the bags' open ends for a nice extra touch.. These can be used for journaling or staple or glue them inside for decoration.

*Note: You could also use #10 envelopes or any other kind of envelopes to make a book. Just be creative and use what you have on hand.



Paper Plate Card Holder

This paper plate card holder is a fun alternative to a valentine box. The ribbon hanger will hang over a door knob, on the back of a chair or a coat hook. Fill your child's card holder with a few special stickers, a small treat bag or handmade cards throughout the week and encourage them to have fun doing the same for siblings or others.. You may want to host a small party for a few friends and make these card holders together before Valentine's Day. Enjoy!

Materials needed:

Two paper plates

Red or pink ribbon or yarn (for hanging)

Hole punch

Decorative materials (paints, stickers, buttons, etc....)

Paints, markers, or crayons

What to do:

Step One: Cut one of the paper plates in half.

Step Two: Put the plates together, with the inside of the half plate facing the inside of the full plate. Line up the bottoms of the plates so they form a pocket. Use a little craft glue to adhere them or a couple of staples. (You only need to use a little because the ribbon will hold them together, this is just to make threading the ribbon through a little easier.)

Step Three: Punch holes all around the rims of the plates.

Step Four: Decorate! Paint or use markers, stickers, glue buttons on...the options are limitless! If glue is used, allow time to dry before threading ribbon through.

Step Five: Starting at the top of the plate and working clock-wise, begin threading the ribbon or yarn through the holes. Leave enough ribbon at the top to tie for hanging.

Step Six: When you've threaded the ribbon or yarn all the way around the plate, take the extra ribbon at your starting point and tie it to the end of the ribbon. Use this loop for hanging your holder on a hook or doorknob.

Step Seven: Fill your holder with valentine cards!



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