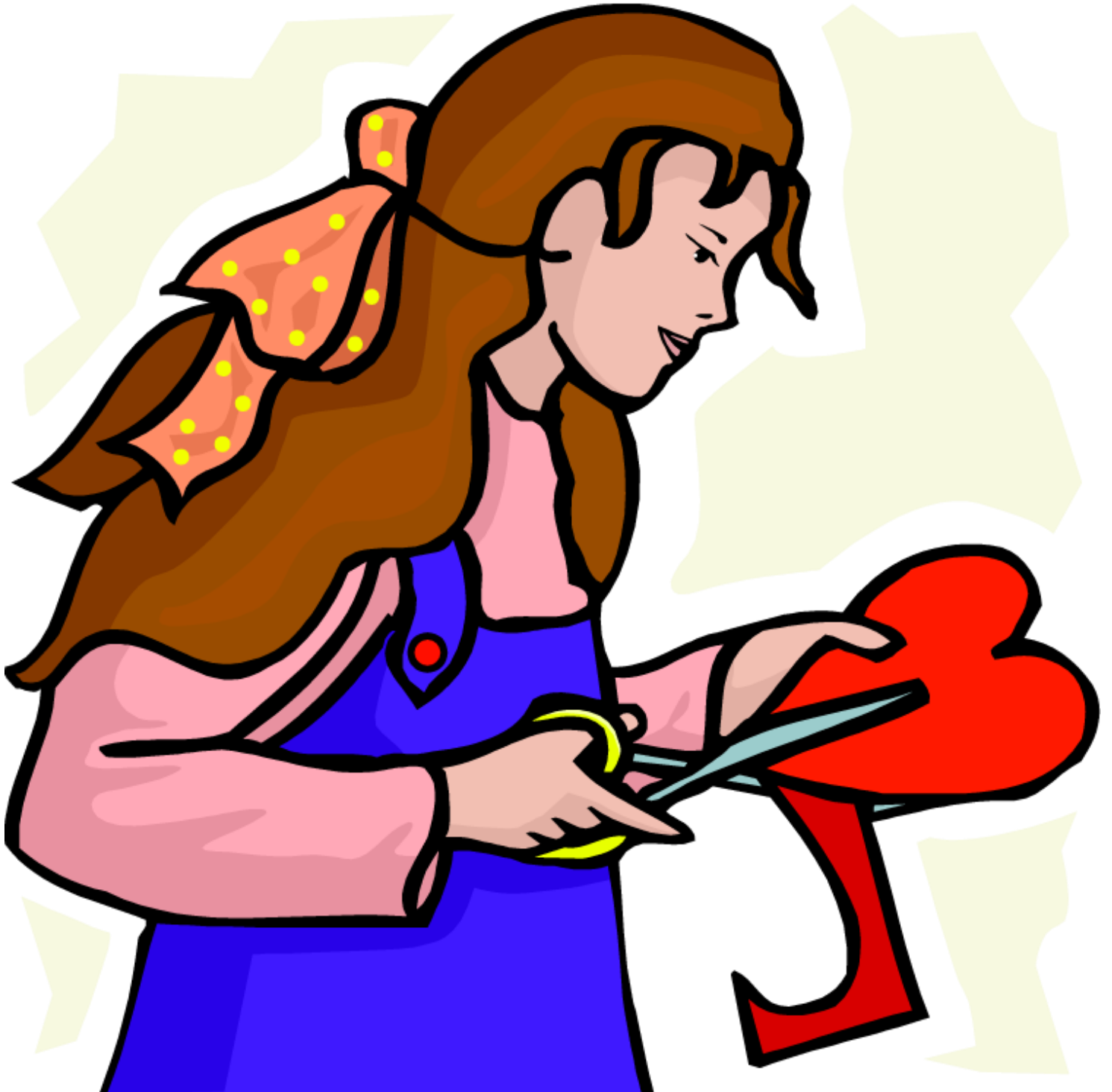


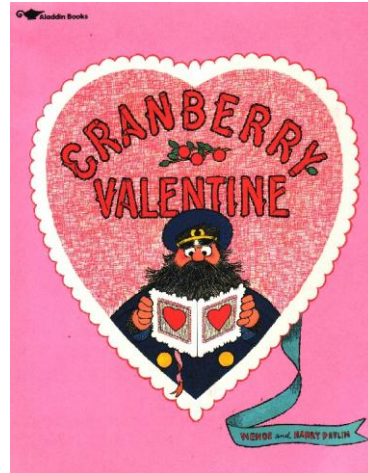
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V A L E N T I N E



# Cranberry Valentine

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## Social Studies

### Valentine's Day Symbols and Meanings

You can see some of these symbols in the Valentines Mr. Whiskers received from his secret admirers.

Some Valentine's Day symbols include heart, cupid, rose flower, love knot, key & lock, lovebirds and doves.

#### Heart

The red heart is a symbol for love. Centuries ago, people did not know that the heart pumps blood through the circulatory system. However, they did know that the heart beats faster when a person is excited or upset. For this reason they believed that the heart was the center of our feelings. This idea remains today in certain sayings, such as, "It does my heart good," or "I'm broken-hearted," or "sick at heart."

#### Cupid

Cupid, the mischievous son of the Goddess of Love, Venus, is supposedly responsible for people falling in love. According to the myths, anyone being hit by Cupid's arrow falls in love with the first person he/she sees.

#### Ribbons

Ribbons, laces and frills as perfect Valentine symbols have been used since the

ancient times of knights and nobles who used to wear the scarf adorned with ribbons, laces and frills specially prepared by their beloveds.

Hundreds of years ago, if a woman dropped her lace lined handkerchief, a man might pick it up for her. Sometimes a woman might intentionally do this! This is another way that lace and romance were connected.

### Key and Lock

In Wales wooden love spoons were carved and given as gifts on February 14th. Hearts, keys and keyholes were favorite decorations on the spoons. The decoration meant, "You unlock my heart!"

### Rose

Rose is one of the most popular flower and one of the most powerful symbol of Valentine's Day. The rose is found in many different colors and each of these colors has a different meaning.

Red Roses - Love and passion

Yellow Roses - Friendship

White Roses - True love and purity of the mind

Pink Roses - Friendship or Sweetheart

Black Roses – Farewell

### Love Knots

Love knots have plenty of swirls and loops but no beginning or end, symbolizing everlasting love.

### Love Birds and Doves

It was believed that on this romantic day, birds found their mates. This belief is still cherished by love struck people all over the world. The lovebirds have come to signify that belief. It is said that the lovebirds can't live without their mates. The dove signifies purity, meekness and innocence.

### Post Office

Mr. Whiskers picked up three valentines at the post office. The post office is a place that takes mail sorts it out and delivers it to the address on the letter or package. After you write a letter, and address the envelope, you will need to buy

a stamp. A stamp pays for the delivery of the letter. If you were mailing a heavy package or letter it might take more than one stamp. Every country uses stamps for letters. Stamp collecting is the most popular hobby in the world. The post office comes out with new stamps every year.

Carriers pick up the mail from your home mailboxes and the blue mailboxes on the street. They put it in big mail hampers, and then they are wheeled onto a truck. The truck goes to a bigger post office. At the big post office, the mail is sorted; and bar codes and post marks are added by sorting machines. These machines also put wavy lines on the stamp so it can't be used again. The mail is sorted by zip code and put on the post office nearest the zip code. Carriers put the mail into slots for the people on their delivery routes. Each house has its own slot. The mail is then driven or carried by a mail carrier to your house.

Weblinks:

[Lots of activities at the Postal Museum](#)

[Lots of pintables \(in the curriculum guide\)](#)

[Resource center for the United States Postal Service](#)

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## Language Arts

### Creative Writing

If you decide to make your own Valentine's this week (like Maggie), make rhyming messages like the one Mr. Whiskers received ("Little cupid shot his dart/love for you has filled my heart.")

### Vocabulary

Wistful- feeling or showing a timid desire

Fury- wild and dangerous force; anger

Frothy- bubbles formed in or on a liquid

Revolted- to feel disgust or shock

Hesitated- to stop or pause because of uncertainty or indecision

Satin- a fabric (as of silk) with smooth shiny face and dull back

Sputtered- to speak or utter hastily or explosively in confusion or excitement

Beam(ed)- to smile with joy

## Addressing a Letter

Mr. Whiskers received three Valentine's from the Post Office. Talk to your student about addressing a letter. Address and send a letter or a valentine.

Younger students: Younger students can practice learning their own address. It would be really fun if someone sent your child a letter or card in the mail this week.

"How to Address an Envelope" Song by Amy Hodel  
(sung to the tune of Darling Clementine)

On the first line, on the first line, on the first line goes the name.

On the second line goes the house number and the street name together.

On the third line, on the third line, goes the city, state, and zip.

This is how we address an envelope and that is it! (From about.com)

ADDRESS: This is the name and address of the person you are sending the letter to.

On separate lines write:

- Recipient's Full Name
- Street Address
- City, State and Zip Code

RETURN ADDRESS: This is the information about the sender of the letter. In the top left corner on separate lines write:

- Your full name
- Your Street Address
- Your City, State and Zip Code

STAMP: In the top right corner of the envelope you place a postage stamp. This pays for the delivery of the letter.

## Listmaking

At the end of the story, Mr. Whiskers can't wait until the next Valentine's Day. What are some of the holidays that Mr. Whiskers could celebrate until the next Valentine's Day?

Have the student make a list of holidays, and what month they are in. Here is a basic list to get you started.

- New Year's Day -- January
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day -- January
- Presidents Day (Washington's Birthday) -- February
- Memorial Day -- May
- Independence Day -- July
- Labor Day -- September
- Columbus Day -- October
- Veterans Day -- November
- Thanksgiving -- November
- Christmas -- December

Older children can research to find out what holidays are public holidays (also known as bank holidays) according to the government, and which are considered observances. Older students can also research a lesser known observance. The list above is a list of bank holidays. Here is a list of some observances:

- Carl Garner Federal Lands Cleanup Day (First Saturday after Labor Day)
- Child Health Day
- Constitution Day and Citizenship Day (September 17)
- Columbus Day
- Father's Day (Third Sunday in June)
- Flag Day (June 14)
- Gold Star Mother's Day (Last Sunday in September)
- Loyalty Day (May 1)
- Memorial Day
- Mother's Day (Second Sunday in May)
- National Aviation Day (August 19)
- National Day of Prayer (First Thursday in May)
- National Grandparents' Day (First Sunday after Labor Day)
- National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (December 7)
- Parents' Day (Fourth Sunday in July)
- Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15)
- Thomas Jefferson's birthday (April 13)
- Wright Brothers Day (December 17)

- Patriot Day (September 11)
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## **Art**

### Cross Hatching

Cross hatching is a method of line drawing that describes light and shadow, and is created by the density of the crossed lines. Some examples of cross hatching in Cranberry Valentine are: Mr. Whiskers suit, Grandma's dress, Maggie's pantyhose, and Seth's bowtie. The artist used cross hatching to make things look darker and also to make patterns in the clothing. In the picture with Grandma holding the chocolates, the artist leaves open spaces on her dress to indicate a white apron.

Older students can draw a picture, and use different types of cross hatching as shading. Younger students can practice cross hatching by making x's on a page, or looking at material to see if they see a cross hatching pattern like Mr. Whiskers suit.

### Make Valentine Cards

At the beginning of the story Maggie made Valentine's with ribbon, lace, and pink hearts. You can make your own Valentine's to give to friends or family. You could use some of the symbols in the social studies lesson for inspiration.

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## **Applied Math**

### Calendar Skills

The book starts out one week before Valentine's Day. What day would that be? (Look at a calendar with your student if you need to, to determine the answer). Put the things that happened throughout the week in Cranberry Thanksgiving on the calendar.

- Maggie makes Valentines cards one week before Valentine's Day.
- Two days later Mr. Whiskers receives his first Valentines.
- Mr. Whiskers receives 3 more Valentines the next day.

- He goes to the General Store where Seth tells him the lady in the green coat was looking for him yesterday.

### Days in a Year

Mr. Whiskers can't wait until the next Valentine's Day. How many days does he have to wait? (365—discuss the number of days in one year; with your older student you may want to break it down month by month and add it up to see if you have 365 total.)

### Valentine Math

Use the following problems with your student to reinforce math skills this week.

Mr. Whiskers got 1 Valentine, and then the next day he receives 3 more Valentines. How many is that total?

Maggie makes 5 Valentines for her friends and 1 for Grandma. How many Valentines did Maggie make?

On the front of one of Mr. Whiskers Valentines, it has 2 birds and 3 hearts. How many items are on the Valentine?

On the back of one Mr. Whisker's Valentines it has 4 flowers and 1 cupid. How many items are on the Valentine?

The Valentine that Seth reads has 3 large hearts and 1 small heart. How many hearts are there total?

Younger students

How many hearts are in the book?

How many buttons are on Grandma's coat? Mr. Whiskers coat? Lady with the green coats coat?

How many mops are in the closet with Mr. Whiskers?



How many ladies are in the sewing circle?

On the last page is a Valentine's Day card with Mr. Whisker's hat on it. How many roses make up that Valentine?

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## **Science**

### Blushing (originally written by Wende for Popcorn at the Palace)

Sometimes when we are in a situation that is embarrassing or uncomfortable, we blush. Ask your child if he can recall a time when he blushed. Blushing causes your face, ears, and neck to turn red, and sometimes you get a tingle over your body. Young people blush more often than older people. When you blush, your heart rate goes up and you start to breath faster. The blood vessels that go to your face open up (dilate) so more blood than usual flows to your face, changing it to a red color. Blushing is a normal, involuntary action that happens to everyone at one time or another.

### Anatomy: The Human Heart

The heart is a muscle that pumps (or pushes) blood through the body. It is located just the left middle of your chest, and it is about the size of your own fist. (Have student make a fist to visualize about how large his heart is).

Even though it's a muscle, it's different than other muscles in the body like the ones in our arms and legs. Have your student hold his arm out to the side and feel his muscle. Then, tell him to flex or tighten the muscle. How does it feel now? The same or different? Did he have to think in order to flex? The heart works without us doing anything! "It is a smooth muscle that flexes and relaxes on its own, even while we are sleeping."

Does your student know what sound the heart makes? What makes that "lub-dub" sound? Make a stethoscope by doing the following so that your student can listen to a heartbeat:

\*cut off the top section of a 2-liter bottle

\*attach a rubber tube to the mouth of the bottle (a cardboard paper-towel tube could be used, but it is not as effective for hearing the heart)

After your student listens to a heartbeat, show him how to feel his heartbeat by placing his first two fingers on the inside of his wrists (or front of the neck).

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### **Rabbit Trails**

Learn more about perfume and make your own!

### Ratio

Mr. Whiskers had to poke four chocolates before he found 1 that had caramel inside. Buy a box of chocolates and use it for a lesson on ratio. If your box has ten chocolates and four of them have fruity flavors, what are the odds that your student will choose a fruity flavored chocolate?

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### **Just for Fun**

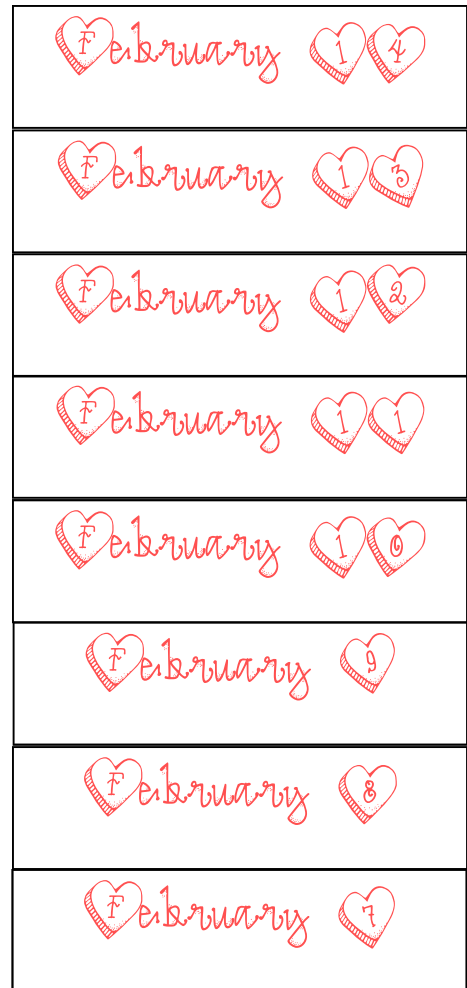
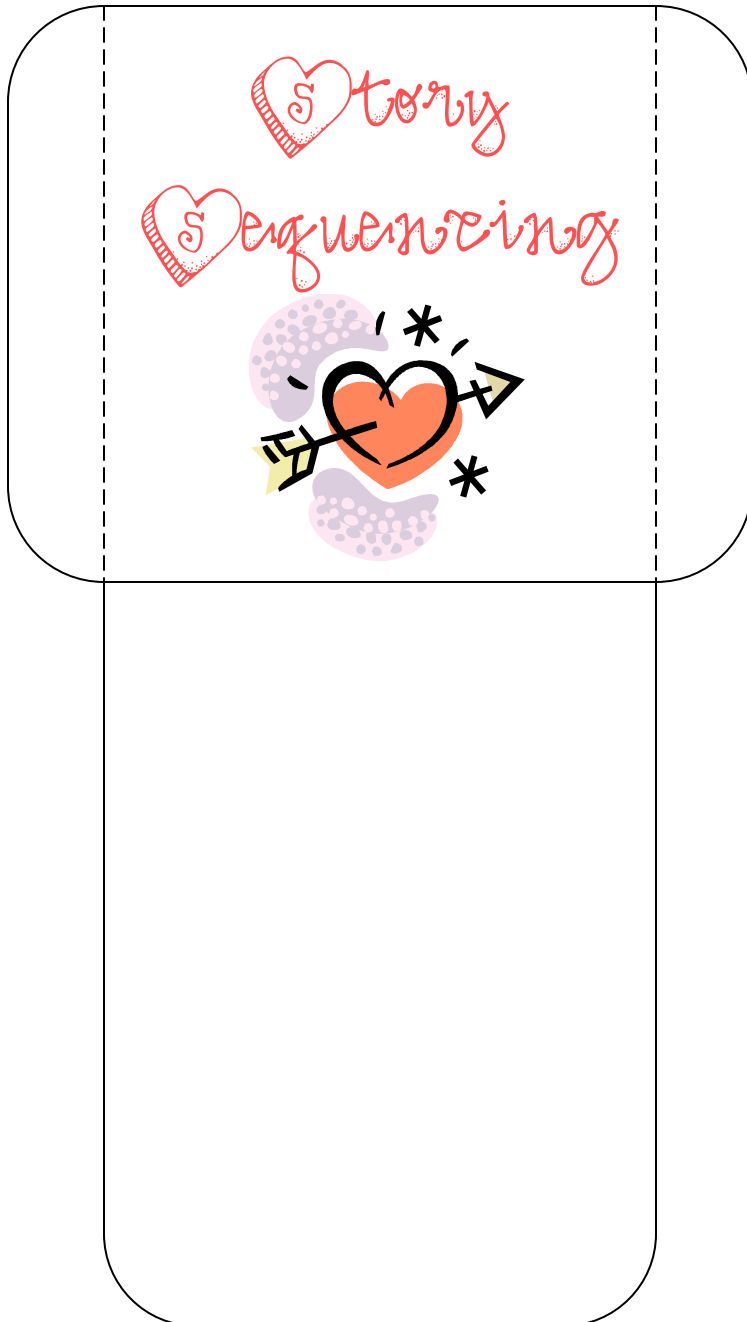
Make the Cranberry Upside-Down Cake recipe at the end of the book.

Make some chocolates together (using candy molds) and give them away for Valentine's Day.

Be someone's secret admirer for the week before Valentine's Day! Your entire family may want to choose one person (like the sewing circle did) to send secret valentine's to. You may even want to send small gifts! On Valentine's Day you can reveal the mystery!

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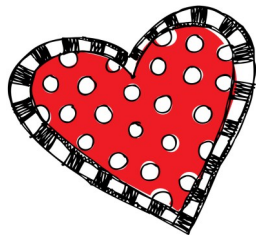
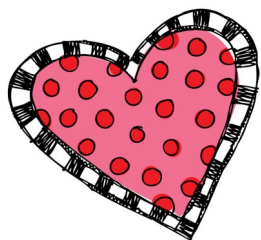


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in the green coat was  
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How to Address  
an Envelope

Cut out page one and fold in half. This is your cover. Cut out the two rectangles below and paste to the inside of the mini book.

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Your address goes here  
Your city, state & zip go here

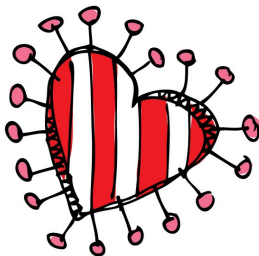
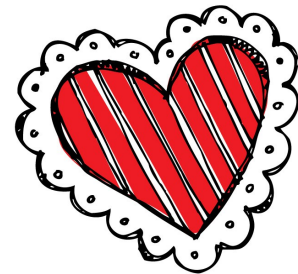
The stamp  
goes here.

The name of the person you're mailing to  
Their address  
Their city, state & zip

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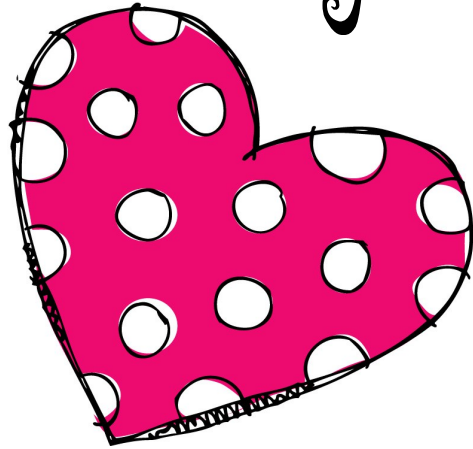
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Write birthdays, holidays, and other important days to remember on the pages of this book. Cut on the solid lines and fold on the dotted. Glue pages back to back.

# Holidays



January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October



November

December



# New Words

feeling or showing a timid desire

wild and dangerous force; anger

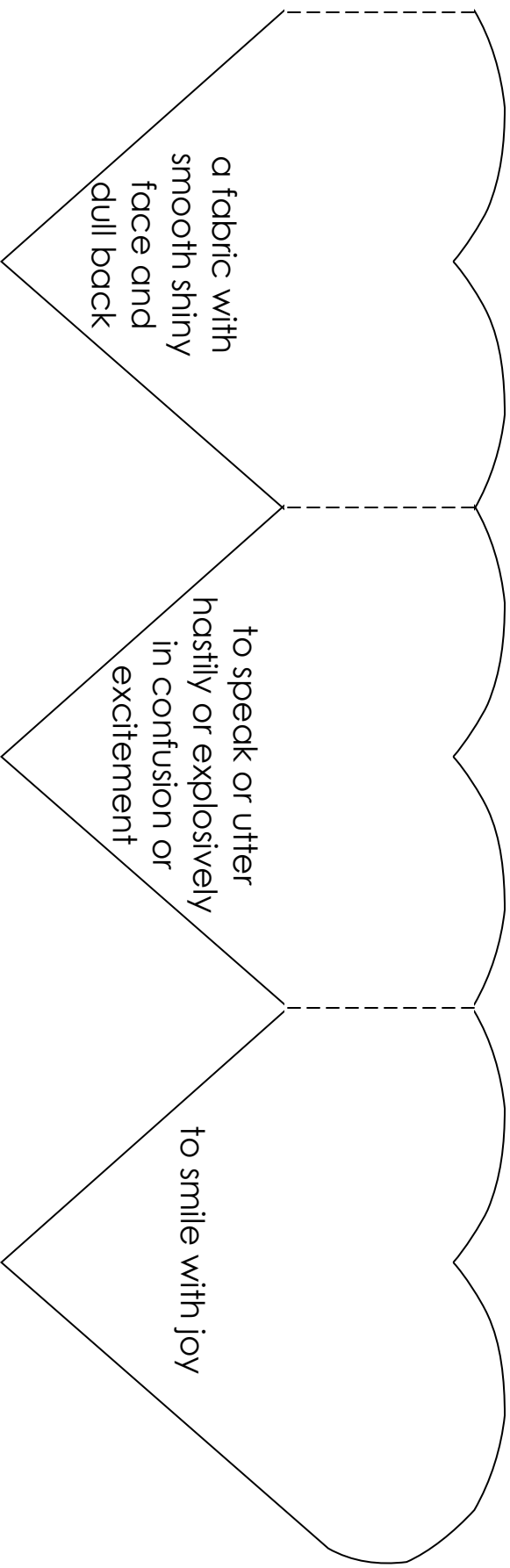
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bubbles formed in or on a liquid

to feel disgust or shock

to stop or pause because of uncertainty or indecision

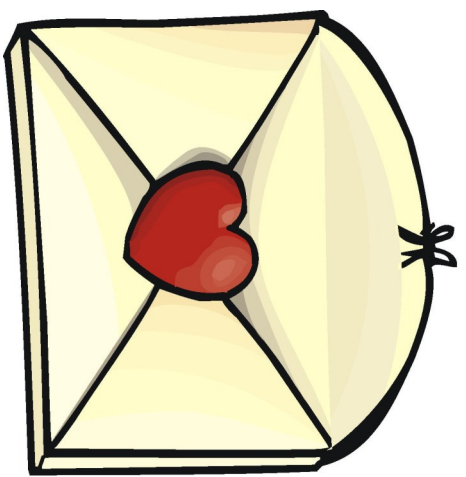
Glue to the back of the next strip



Cut out each strip as one piece (three strips total). Glue as indicated. Let your student write vocabulary words on the hearts. Fold like an accordion. Tie a ribbon around the heart. The bow should be in the front. Glue the back down in your lapbook. Your student can open/close the book by untying/tying the ribbon.

Cut out book as one piece. Fold in half. Cut out sequencing strips and pictures. Match strips to pictures. Put strips in order. Paste strips and pictures (in order) in to the book.

# What Happens to My Valentine?



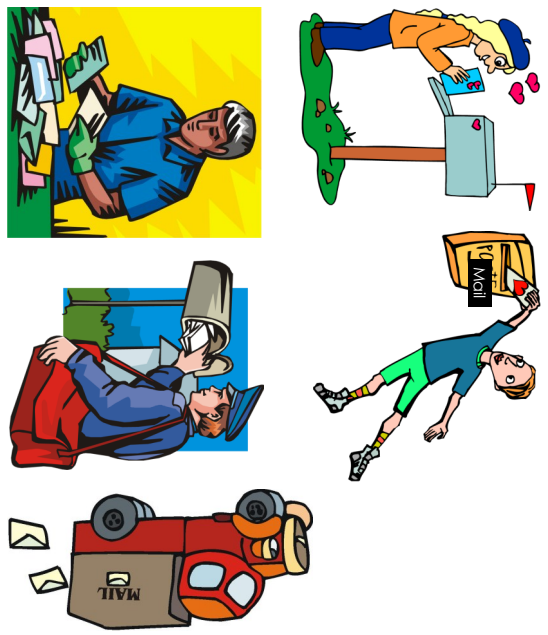
The post office sorts it so that it will get sent to the right city.

I put my valentine in my mailbox.

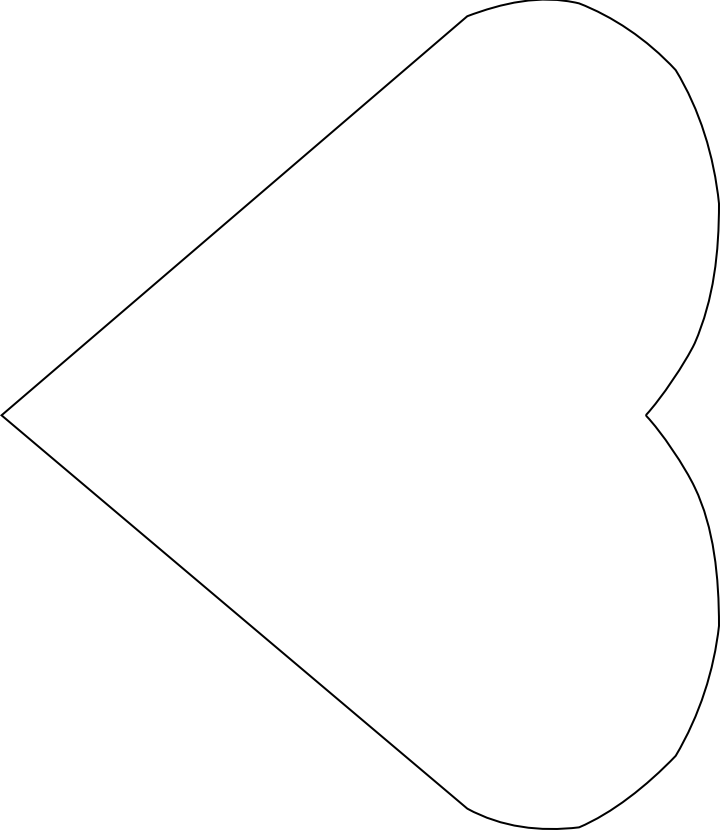
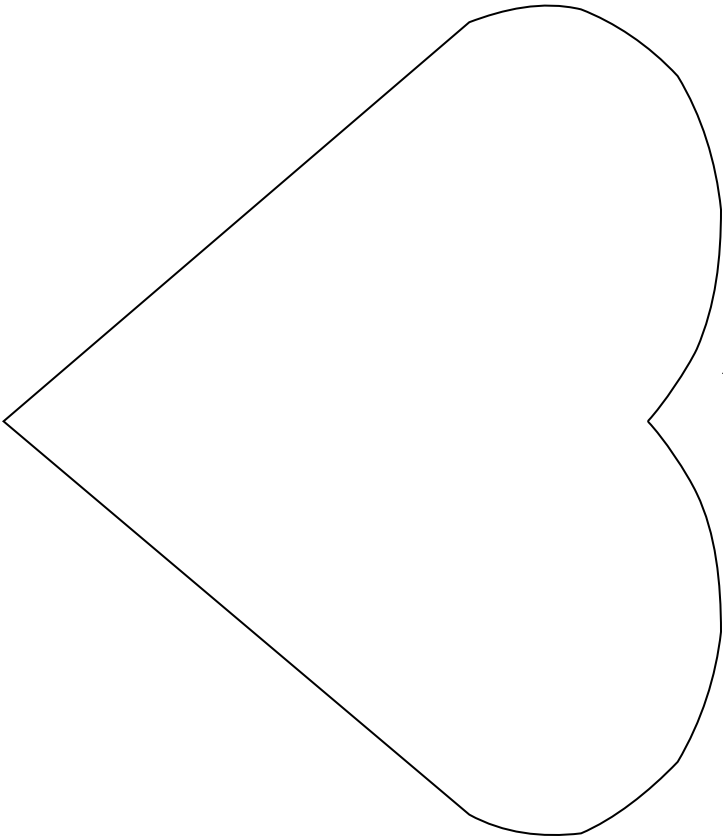
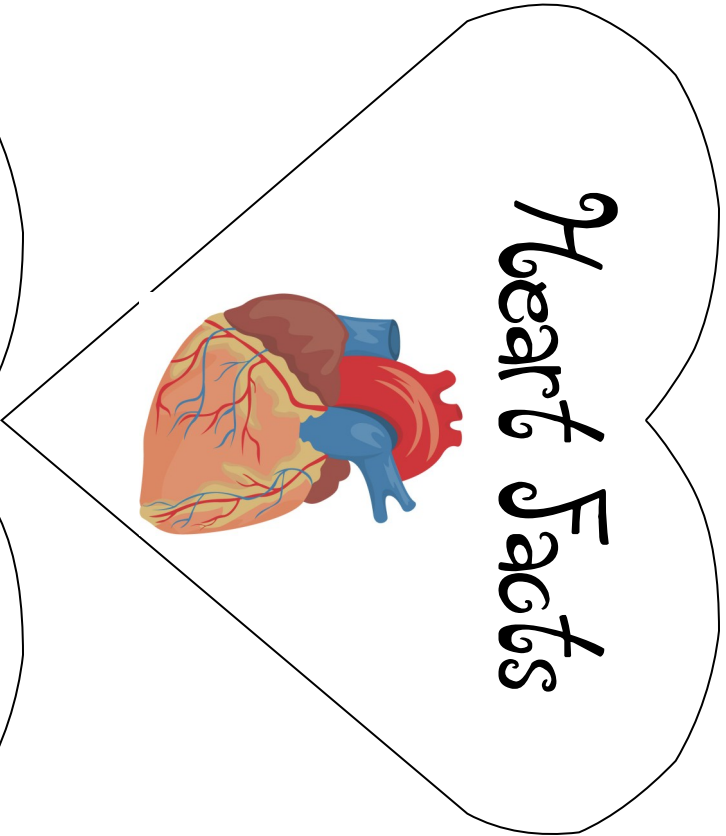
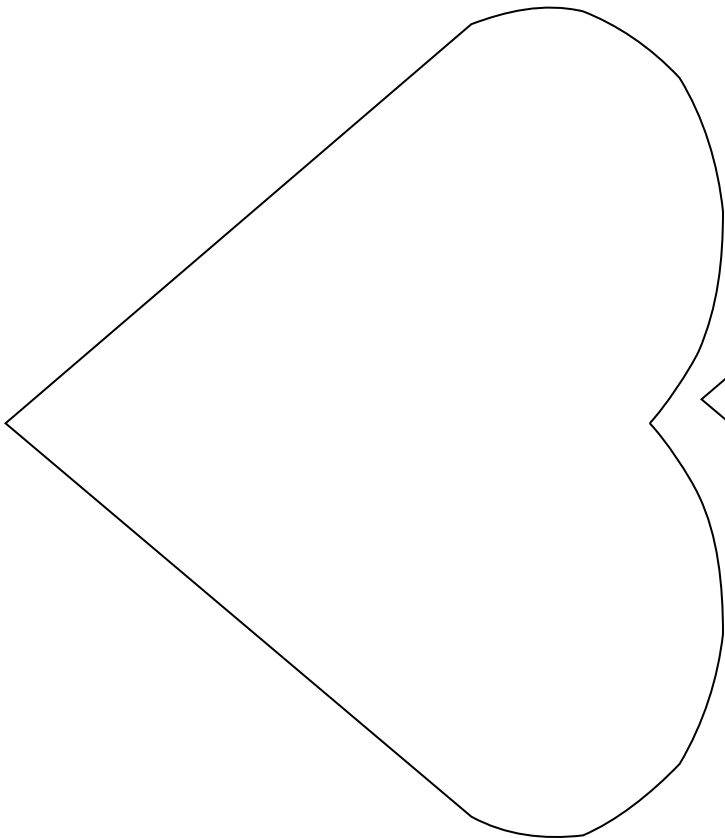
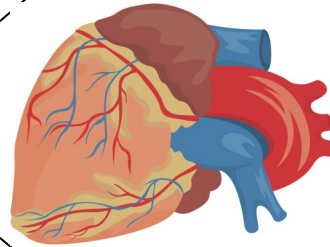
The mail carrier takes it to the post office.

My valentine gets put on a truck or airplane.

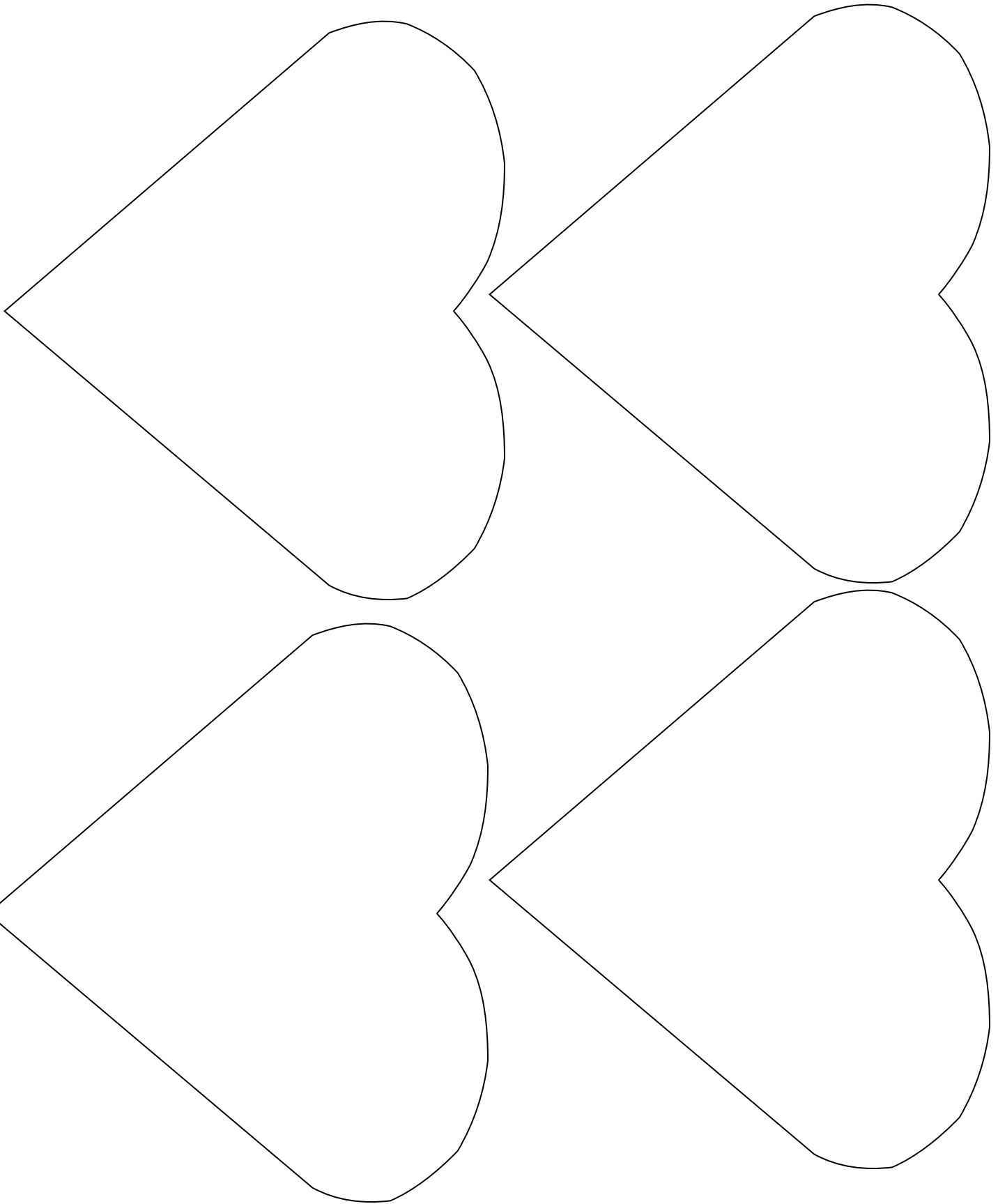
It is delivered to my friend!



# Heart Facts

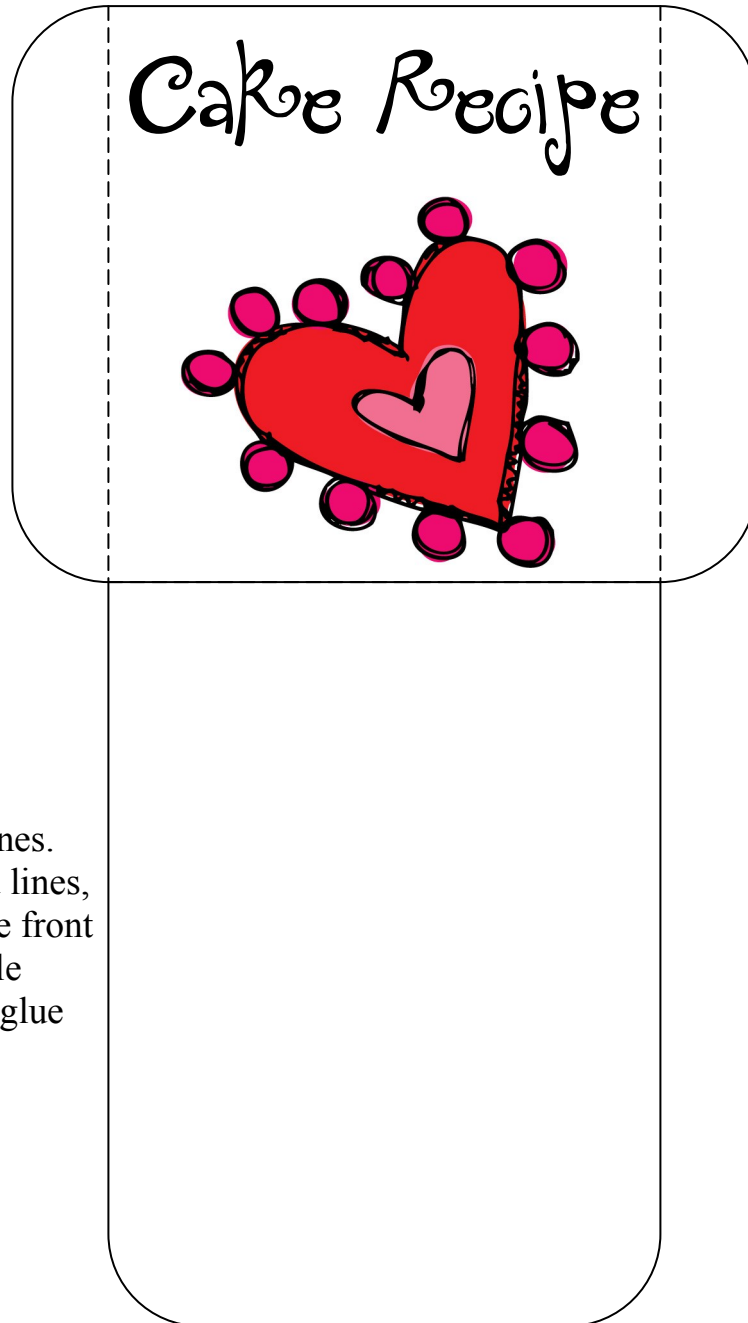


Cut heart shapes out. Write one fact on each blank heart. Stack together with cover on top and staple.



Cut pocket out. Fold back flap up and wrap side flaps around the back and glue down. Glue the back of your pocket into your lapbook. Store recipe in pocket.

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Cut on the solid lines.  
Fold on the dotted lines,  
folding flaps to the front  
and folding the title  
down. If desired, glue  
the title down.



## CRANBERRY UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE

1 box yellow cake mix      1 cup brown sugar  
4-5 cups raw cranberries    1 stick of butter  
2 1/2 cups white sugar      1 cup walnut halves

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Preheat oven to 350. Slice the stick of butter in thin pieces. Distribute the pieces evenly over the bottom of a 9 x12 pan. Sprinkle the walnuts over the butter. Wash and dry the cranberries, and pour them over the nuts.



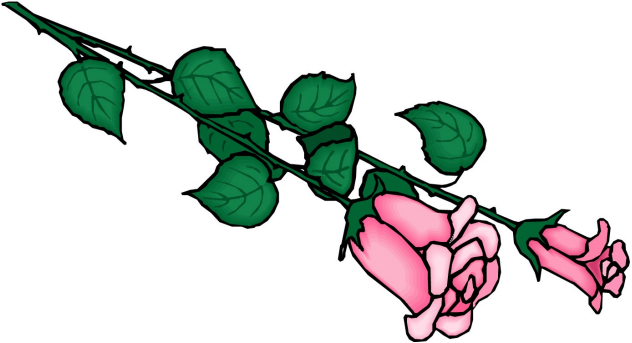
Add the sugars, spreading evenly over the cranberries. Mix the sugar and cranberries slightly.

Follow the directions on the box to prepare the cake mix, and pour it over everything. Bake at 350 for 40-50 minutes. It's done when a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Let cool for 10 minutes. Then, with a knife, loosen the cake from the edges of the pan, and turn the pan over on a plate. Serve with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

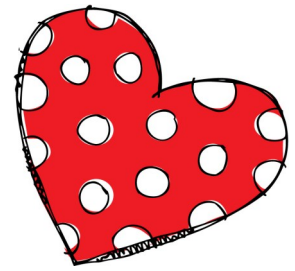


Cut on solid lines. Fold on dotted. Write symbolic meanings (of the colors) under the flaps. Refold book.

<p>Red</p>		<p>Roses</p>
<p>Yellow</p>		
<p>Pink</p>		
<p>White</p>		
<p>Black</p>		



“Little cupid shot his dart.  
Love for you has filled my heart!  
Be my valentine.”



Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dotted midline. There are ten sets of these lines for writing practice.



Symbols:  
heart, cupid,  
love birds

lock & key, love  
knot, lace

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