



VALENTINES DAY



Below find ideas for Valentines parties. I hope it gets your creative juices flowing. Also, make sure you allow time for your students to exchange valentines during the parties – I do believe the teachers are expecting this.

We do have a candy item on the approved list (this may or may not be on your teachers list!) - conversation hearts. I found brands with a nut warning but we have confirmation that the Willie Wonka Sweat-Tarts brand is acceptable (see pic). They are available at Target. Please be specific with this on your list to your parents. Of course, advise your parents to READ THE LABELS



Valentine's Day Classroom Party Games

There are many different types of games that can be used for a Valentine's Day classroom party. Popular options include:

Broken Heart Puzzles: Teachers can easily make simple puzzles from heart shapes and students can work together or as individuals to mend their "broken heart" first.

Matchmaker: This Concentration and Memory-style game uses Valentine's Day symbols for students to pair together, such as hearts, lips, cuddly animals, and cherubs. For a slightly more difficult version suitable for older grades, include pictures of famous couples with the male and female counterparts separated for students to join together.

Bingo Games: [Valentine's Day bingo games](#) can use "HEART" instead of "BINGO" for column headings, or students can attempt to make straight lines from various Valentine symbols.

[Word games](#) increase literacy.

Word Games: All types of word games, including crosswords, word searches, Hang Man, and spelling bees can be created with Valentine vocabulary.

Word Finder: In this classic vocabulary-building game, students have a specified amount of time (usually 3 to 5 minutes) to create as many words as they can using the letters in "Happy Valentine's Day."

How Many Guess: Teachers can fill a jar with seasonal items – glass or plastic fake candies, hearts, x's and o's etc. – and students try to guess how many items are in the jar.

Red Hot: This fun musical game requires very little setup, just some music (Disney love songs are child-friendly and great for Valentine's Day) and a heart-shaped pillow. As the [music plays](#), students pass the pillow around the classroom, and the student holding the pillow when the music stops is out of the round. The last student may win a small prize or treat.

Cupid Says: This holiday version of Simon Says can incorporate Valentine's Day actions such as blowing a kiss, giving yourself a hug, or shooting a love arrow.

Heart Scavenger Hunt: Before students arrive, the teacher should place numerous hearts around the classroom in plain sight – these can be sneakily disguised or openly part of the [Valentine's Day decorations](#). The student who finds the most heart shapes is the winner. For more difficulty, vary the size and placement of the hearts.

Initial Compliments: To spread the friendship of the season, this game has students come up with compliments for their classmates based on their initials, such as "Nancy Fulmer is Neat and Fun" or "Jack Smith makes funny Jokes and is good at Sports."

Pre-made bingo cards:

<http://blackdog4kids.com/holiday/valentine/bingo/>