

Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!

LOVE/HEARTS

LETTER OF THE DAY

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BOOKS TO SHARE

My Heart Is Like a Zoo
by Michael Hall

Love Monster
by Rachel Bright

Hands Say Love
by George Shannon

That's Me Loving You
by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

Sweet Hearts
by Jan Carr

I Kissed The Baby!
by Mary Murphy

I Heart You
by Meg Fleming

Hug Machine
by Scott Campbell

The Thing About Bees
by Shabazz Larkin

Baby Love
by Angela DiTerlizzi

Full, Full, Full of Love
by Trish Cooke

How Do Dinosaurs Say I Love You?
by Jane Yolen

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

Little Heart [action rhyme]

I have a little heart, [**place hand over heart**]

And it goes thump, thump, thump [**pat chest three times**]

It keeps right on beating,

When I jump, jump, jump. [**jump three times**]

I get a special feeling, when I look at you. [**point to child**]

It makes me want to give you a hug or two. [**hug yourself**]

Heart [fingerplay]

I put my hands together, [**hands together like praying**]

This is how I start,

I curve my fingers right around, [**curl fingertips; pull palms slightly apart**]

And I can make a heart!

H-E-A-R-T

[Tune: "B-I-N-G-O"]

There is a shape and it means love

And heart is its name-o.

H-E-A-R-T,

H-E-A-R-T,

H-E-A-R-T,

And heart is its name-o!

ASL SIGN OF THE DAY

"Love"



I'm a Little Valentine

[Tune: "I'm a Little Teapot"]

I'm a little valentine red and white.
With ribbons and lace, I'm a beautiful sight.
I can say, "I love you" on Valentine's Day,
Just put me in an envelope and give me away!

Valentine, Valentine [action rhyme]

Valentine, Valentine run in place
Valentine, Valentine touch your face
Valentine, Valentine turn around
Valentine, Valentine touch the ground
Valentine, Valentine touch your nose
Valentine, Valentine touch your toes
Valentine, Valentine jump and hop
Valentine, Valentine time to stop!
Valentine, Valentine pat your knees
Valentine, Valentine sit down please.

Hearts and Kisses [rhyme]

1 little, 2 little, 3 little hearts
4 little, 5 little, 6 little hearts
7 little, 8 little, 9 little hearts
10 little hearts and a kiss [*blow a kiss*]

If You Love Someone and You Know It

[Tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It"]

If you love someone and you know it, clap your hands,
If you love someone and you know it, clap your hands,
If you love someone and you know it, clap your hands,
If you love someone and you know it, and you really want to show it,
If you love someone and you know it, clap your hands!

[Verses: shout hooray, blow a kiss, etc.]

"Love Grows One By One" by Carole Peterson (2004)

"All You Need Is Love" by The Beatles (1967)

MORE FUN!

Note: It can be tempting, when making a craft or working on an art project to do the craft yourself instead of allowing your child to try, struggle, (and sometimes fail) to make the craft 'correctly.'

However, it is the **PROCESS**, not the **PRODUCT** that is most important part of making something with a child. Have fun and don't worry about perfection!

Heart 'Smush' Art

Materials:

Cardstock/construction paper
Sturdier paper is best so that the paint doesn't soak through.
Scissors
Paint
Paintbrush



Start by having your child draw and cut out a heart shape.

Add large drops of paint on **ONE SIDE** of the paper.

Fold sides together (over the paint) and squish down the heart 'sandwich' with your hands.

Unfold heart and reveal your masterpiece!

Tip: This craft is a great way to explore the idea of SYMMETRY with your child, which is an early math concept.

Talk with your child(ren) about the different ways we can show love to one another. What about how we show love for ourselves?

Even very young children can give and ask for consent when it comes to physical affection (hugs, kisses, snuggles, etc.). Respect your child's boundaries and encourage them to respect the boundaries of others.

Examples:

"Let's ask your new friend if it's okay to give them a hug goodbye."

"You don't want to get a kiss from Aunt Betsy right now? That's fine. What if we wave hello instead?"

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