

5 Valentine's Day Centers Included

2 math centers

Number Recognition Math Center

Heart Numbers to 20

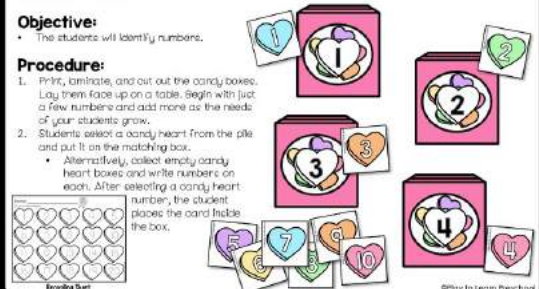
Recognizing numbers and developing a strong sense of number is an essential building block for early childhood mathematics. Daily practice and playing with numbers will help strengthen a child's number sense.

Objective:

- The students will identify numbers.

Procedure:

- Print, laminate, and cut out the candy boxes. Lay them face up on a table. Begin with just a few numbers and add more as the needs of your students grow.
- Students select a candy heart from the pile and put it on the matching box.
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Color Matching Math Center

Visual Discrimination

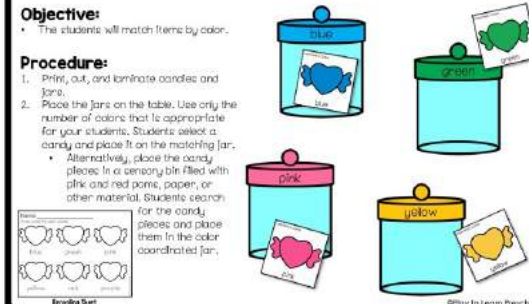
Matching and sorting colors helps young children build visual perception and thinking skills.

Objective:

- The students will match items by color.

Procedure:

- Print, cut, and laminate candies and jars.
- Place the jars on the table. Use only the number of colors that is appropriate for your students. Students select a candy and place it on the matching jar.
 - Alternatively, place the candy pieces in a sensory bin filled with pink and red pom-poms, paper or other material. Students search for the candy pieces and place them in the color coordinated jar.



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2 literacy centers

Syllables Literacy Center

Segmenting words

Being able to split words into syllables is one step in the phonological awareness progression. Daily practice and play with syllables strengthens a child's awareness of sounds and letters.


Objective:

- The students will begin to identify syllables.

Procedure:

- Print, cut, and laminate the cards. Attach each syllable card to an empty shoebox. Place the word cards in a small bin next to the boxes. Begin with one and two syllables and just a few cards. Add more as the needs of your students grow.
- Students select a word card, clap out the syllables, then put the card in the correctly labeled box.
 - Alternatively, attach the edges of the syllable cards to a bulletin board.

Place the word cards in an envelope attached to the board. Students select a word card and place it in the correct syllable cart.



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Word Families Literacy Center

Letter - Sound Manipulation


Recognizing word families helps students learn patterns and rhymes. Learning about word families is an important step in emergent reading.

Objective:

- The students will identify words that rhyme.

Procedure:

- Print, laminate, and cut out the targets and arrows. Attach targets to a magnetic whiteboard. Place a small magnetic strip on the back of each arrow.
- Students choose an arrow and match it to the target with the correct word family.
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1 fine motor center

Valentine's Day Strings Fine Motor Center

Lacing

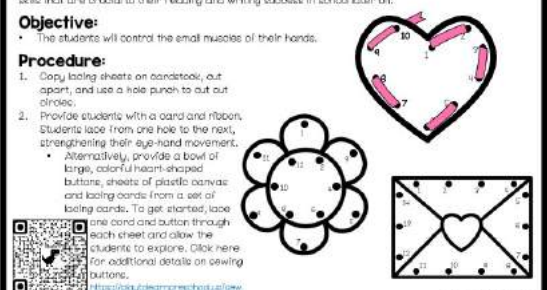
Fine Motor refers to the small muscles in our bodies - fingers & hands, toes, lips & tongue, and even eyes! In preschool, young children need to practice these essential fine motor skills that are crucial to their reading and writing success in school later on.

Objective:

- The students will control the small muscles of their hands.

Procedure:

- Copy lacing sheets on cardstock, cut apart, and use a hole punch to cut out circles.
- Provide students with a card and ribbon. Students lace from one hole to the next, strengthening their eye-hand movement.
 - Alternatively, provide a bowl of large, colorful heart-shaped buttons, sheets of plastic canvas and lacing cards from a set of lacing cards. To get started, lace one card and button through each sheet and allow the students to explore. Click here for additional details on sewing buttons.



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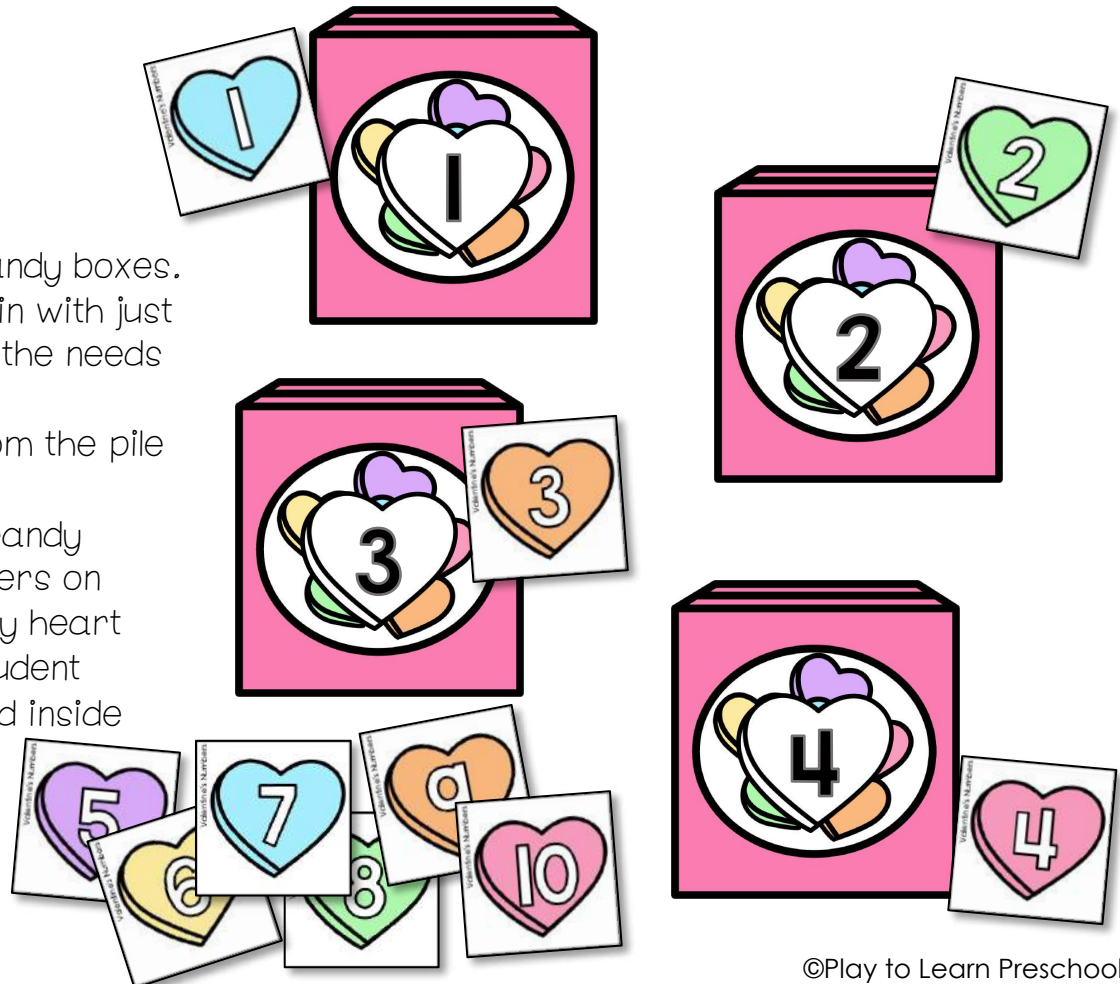
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Name _____
I can write numbers.

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

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Color Matching

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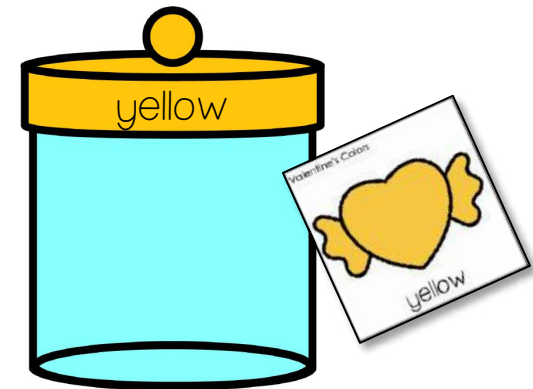
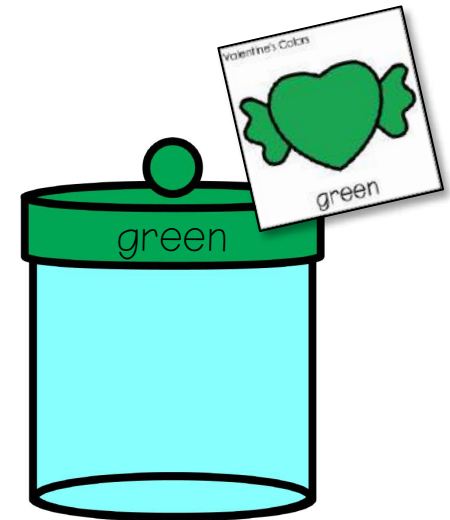
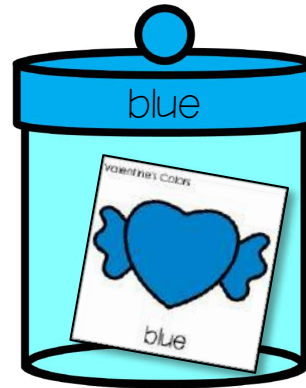
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I can write the color words.

blue	green	pink
yellow	red	purple

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Syllables

Segmenting words

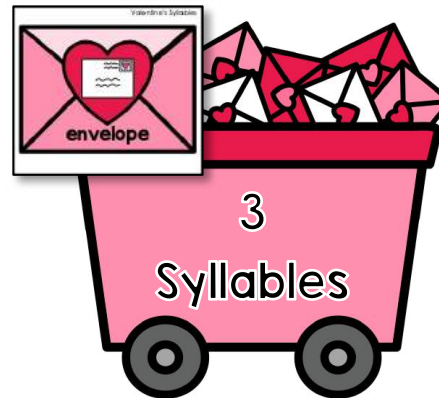
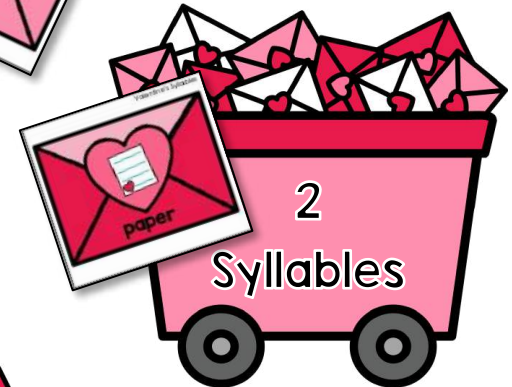
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Name _____

Cut apart the pieces at the bottom of the page.
Say each word and clap the syllables. Then, paste it in the correct column.

1	2	3
syllable	syllables	syllables

heart
 envelope
 pen
 scissors
 glue
 basket

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Word Families

Letter— Sound Manipulation

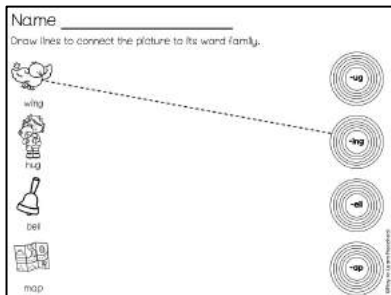
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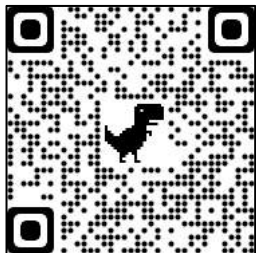
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