

# Activity Heart Cutouts

Try a few Valentine's Day-themed activities using these simple and cute heart cutouts!

- Place copies of the cutouts and a few pencils in a decorative gift bag at a classroom center. Encourage students to watch for acts of kindness by others and write what they observe on a heart. (For example, they can write "Grant held the door open for Ashley" or "Elizabeth shared her snack with me.") Display the completed hearts on a classroom bulletin board titled "Acts of Kindness."
- Provide these cutouts as a math manipulative! For example, call out a word problem such as, "I have six valentines. I gave away three. How many do I have left?" Encourage students to use the heart manipulatives to solve the problem.
- Give each student a sheet of construction paper and a copy of the cutouts. Challenge students to think of as many Valentine's Day words as they can! Prompt them to write each word on a heart and glue the hearts to the construction paper. Have them title their page "Valentine Vocabulary." (You can write the words and title for younger students.) You can also invite students to create a Valentine Word Wall by displaying their hearts on a classroom chart or bulletin board. Encourage older students to use their words to create an original story with a Valentine's Day theme!
- Give each student a copy of the cutouts. Have students write numerals on the first six hearts and the corresponding number words on the other six hearts (such as *1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6* and *one, two, three, four, five, six*). Then have students mix up the cards and exchange their set with a partner. See who can match up the word and number pairs first! Challenge older students to use two- or three-digit numbers.

