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"Good teachers are those who know how little they know. Bad teachers are those who think they know more than they don't know." - R. Verdi

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FEATURE WEBSITE

Mathwire – A fantastic website including loads of lessons, materials, and seasonal activities. You can search by topic or keyword, and many of the files are in .pdf format. Many of the activities are accompanied by pictures of them being used in classroom settings.

<http://www.mathwire.com/>

Create your own materials with 1,2,3 Math Fonts! Just TYPE in these math symbols and images. NO CUTTING & PASTING! http://www.justusteachers.com/Math_Fonts.html
View the entire User's Manual at <http://www.justusteachers.com/123MathFontsManual.pdf>.

FEATURE ARTICLE

Do They Really Love You?

By Chris Slaughter

Valentine's Day is fast approaching, and the minds of your students will soon be turning to thoughts of love... or recess... or lunch. Well, who knows what their minds are really doing anyway?

But there ARE ways to tell how they feel about YOU as their teacher. If they hate you, it's pretty obvious. The scowls... the drawings with fangs and horns... the ever-so-subtle screaming "I HATE YOU!" Yeah, that could be a clue.

However, it is not always easy to tell if they just LIKE you or if they really LOVE you. Here are some signs that will help you tell the difference:

If they LIKE you...
...they draw pictures of the two of you together.

If they LOVE you...
...they draw you skinny.

If they LIKE you...
...they bring you gifts.

If they LOVE you...
...they bring you chocolate.

If they LIKE you...
...they put an apple on your desk.

If they LOVE you...
...they clean your desk.

If they LIKE you...
...they introduce you to one of their parents.

If they LOVE you...
...they try to set up a date.

If they LIKE you...
...they complete all of their classwork.

If they LOVE you...
...they complete their work, then detail your car.

If they LIKE you...
...they defend you when another child insults you.

If they LOVE you...
...they beat the kid up.

If they LIKE you...
...they want you to be their teacher next year.

If they LOVE you...
...they fail on purpose so they can get you again.

If they LIKE you...
...they help you grade papers.

If they LOVE you...
...they write your lesson plans.

If they LIKE you...
...they want to sit next to you.

If they LOVE you...
...they want to move in with you.

If they LIKE you...
...they behave when the principal comes in to observe you.

If they LOVE you...
...they write you a letter of recommendation.

If they LIKE you...
...they cry on the last day of school.

If they LOVE you...
...they hide in your car.

If they LIKE you...
...they want you to join them for lunch.

If they LOVE you...
...they buy.

If they LIKE you...
...they are nice to the substitute.

If they LOVE you...
...they take the same days off that you do.

If they LIKE you...
...they send you cards.

If they LOVE you...
...they send you Starbucks cards.

If they LIKE you...
...they give you pictures of themselves.

If they LOVE you...
...they give you pictures of dead presidents.

If they LIKE you...
...they wish you a nice weekend.

If they LOVE you...
...they babysit so that you can HAVE a nice weekend.

SHHHHHHHH! It's coming! 1, 2, 3 Science Fonts...

VALENTINES MATH & ACTIVITY LINKS

Grab the Candy! - a coordinate graphing game from Mathwire using candy hearts.
<http://www.mathwire.com/seasonal/valgcggame.pdf>

Valentine's Day themed math pages for grades 1 – 5.
<http://www.kidzone.ws/math/valentine/>

Valentine's Day worksheets for comparing/ordering, multiplication, and addition.
<http://www.math-drills.com/valentines/valentines.shtml>

Heart Bingo
<http://www.kidsdomain.com/craft/bingo-heart.html>

Heart Multiplication pages
http://www.abcteach.com/free/m/math_hearts_mix9.pdf
http://www.abcteach.com/free/m/math_hearts_mix3_8.pdf

Valentine Candy lessons – involving predicting, sorting, and graphing using candy hearts.

Valentine Candy Count

<http://www.col-ed.org/cur/math/math07.txt>

Conversation Heart Candy Math

<http://www.lessonplanspage.com/MathConversationHeartCandyMathIdea23.htm>

Get your free math screensavers at <http://www.justusteachers.com/screensavers.html>. No pop-ups, no advertising, just fun screensavers!

RESEARCH LINKS – TEAM TEACHING

What Difference Does Teaming Make?

http://www.nmsa.org/portals/0/pdf/publications/On_Target/teaming/teaming_9_difference.pdf

Team Teaching

The Impact of Teaming: Five Researched-Based Outcomes

http://www.nmsa.org/portals/0/pdf/publications/On_Target/teaming/teaming_8_impact.pdf

What Makes Effective Teaching Teams Tick?

http://www.education-world.com/a_admin/admin/admin408.shtml

Teaming Teachers Offer Tips

http://www.educationworld.com/a_admin/admin/admin290.shtml

Learning Teams

<http://www.nsd.c.org/library/publications/tools/tools8-01rich.cfm>

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