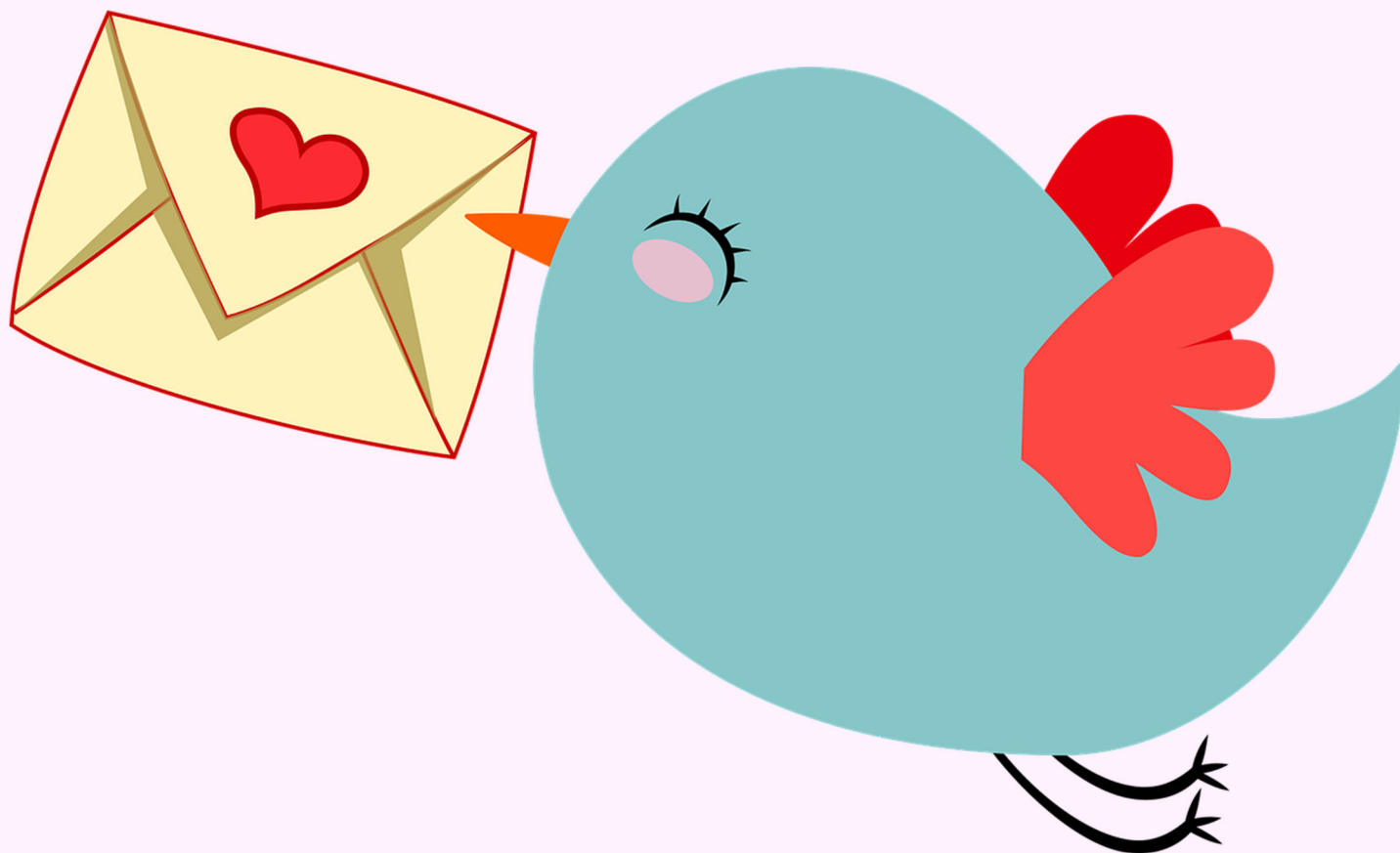


TIGER TUESDAY'S

VALENTINES DAY CARDS

A play format learning activity for young and struggling readers.



Special hand-out for Strong Learning, Inc. webinar attendees.

This play is one of the activities from the Tiger Tuesday SEL & Diversity Reading Resources for in-person & distance learning.

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PLAY: Tiger Tuesday's Valentine Cards

Cast: Narrator, Tiger, Thurman, Marshmallow, Tammy, Tommy, Trudy, Tuffy, Mommy, Daddy

Setting: *Tree house and kitchen.*

NARRATOR: It was Valentine's Day. Tiger was so excited. He felt like he was going to burst. Mommy and Daddy said that the family was going to give each other Valentine cards at 8:00 a.m. in the morning, and it was almost 8:00 a.m. So Tiger sat at his desk writing Valentine cards as fast as his hands could write. When Tiger finished the last card, he and Thurman and Marshmallow ran over to the house to eat breakfast with everybody.

MOMMY: Now that we have finished breakfast, it's time to give each other our Valentine Cards.

TAMMY: I want to go first. I drew a big heart for each one of you.

MOMMY: Thank you Tammy. You are our little darling.

DADDY: Tammy, your card has filled my heart with joy.

TRUDY: This is a really nice card Tammy. I like how you drew the heart. Here are my Valentine Cards. I wrote a poem for each one of you to tell you how much I love you.

MOMMY: Oh thank you Trudy. You are such a darling daughter too. I love this card and your poem.

DADDY: Trudy, how lucky we are to have you.

TUFFY: Trudy, this is a good poem. I didn't write poems. I got each of you a Valentine card at the corner store. It took a long time to find the right cards. I wanted it to say why I love each one of you.

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DADDY: Tuffy, it doesn't matter if you make the card or buy it at the store, it's the words that matter. And your words and you are dear to my heart.

MOMMY: Tuffy, every word in this card comes from your heart and that's why you are the wonderful person you are.

TOMMY: Is it my turn? Look, I drew me hugging each one of you.

MOMMY: Tommy, you are the most darling little boy any Mother could ask for.

DADDY: Tommy, you are also the most darling little boy any Father could ask for.

TIGER: It's my turn. Here are my cards. I want to read the cards I made for Thurman and Marshmallow to everyone.

Roses are red, violets are blue, my hart is happy, when I'm with you.

THURMAN: Woof! Woof! Woof!

MARSHMALLOW: RIBBIT, JIBBIT!

MOMMY: Tiger, I think Marshmallow is trying to tell you that "Heart has an "e" in it. I don't know why but it does.

NARRATOR: As each one read their card from Tiger, they started to laugh. Tiger didn't know why they were laughing.

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TOMMY: I want to read the card Tiger gave me. Dear Tummy, Roses are red, The sky is blue, You're my brother And that is true. Tiger, my name is Tommy. You wrote Tummy.

TIGER: Oh no. I guess I was rushing. As my teacher always says, "Haste makes waste."

TUFFY: I want to read the card Tiger gave me. Dear Tubby, Roses are red, Fly to the stars, You're my big brother, Who likes cars. Thanks Tiger. but my name is Tuffy. You wrote Tubby.

TIGER: Oh nooo. I guess I was rushing. Haste makes waste.

TRUDY: I want to read mine next. Dear Troody, Roses are red, You like to twirl, You're my big sister, So you're a girl. Um. Thanks Tiger. But I spell my name Trudy not Troody.

TIGER: Oh nooooo. I guess I was rushing.

EVERYONE: Haste makes waste.

TAMMY: I want to read my Valentine card from Tiger. Dear Tommy, Roses are red, You ride a horse, I'm glad you're my sister, And not a horse. Thanks Tiger, but I don't ride a horse and my name is Tammy. You wrote Tommy. You must have really been rushing.

MOMMY: Well, I guess I'm next to read. Dear Daddy, Roses are red, Here's a flower, You're the best mommy, You gave me my power. Tiger, that's just lovely. But, I guess you were rushing because my card says Dear Daddy.

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DADDY: I guess I'm the last to read. Dear Mommy, Roses are red, You have a blue car, I'm glad you're right here, And not very far. I love this card Tiger, but I'm not Mommy.

NARRATOR: By this time all the Tuesdays were laughing very hard.

TIGER: I guess I should have made the cards before this morning, but I just love you all so much, with all my heart, and that's heart with an "e"!