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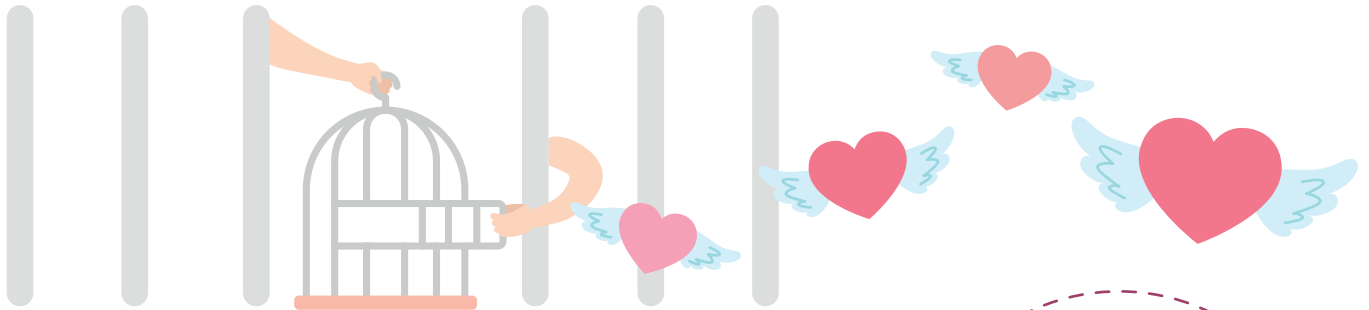
Valentine's Day is a celebration of love and friendship that falls every February 14th.



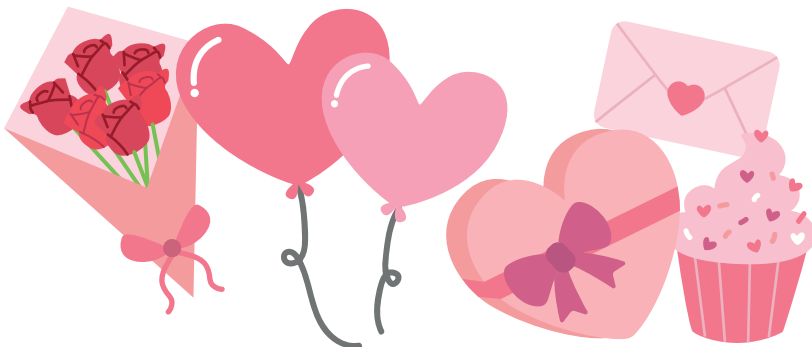
Valentine's Day is also called St. Valentine's Day or the Feast of St. Valentine.



Originally, the day was celebrated to commemorate Valentinus, who was imprisoned for marrying young couples in love, when weddings were banned by the emperor.



And since the 1300s, Valentine's Day was associated with the idea of love and romance.



That's when couples started to exchange gifts, flowers, cards, and candies to express their love.



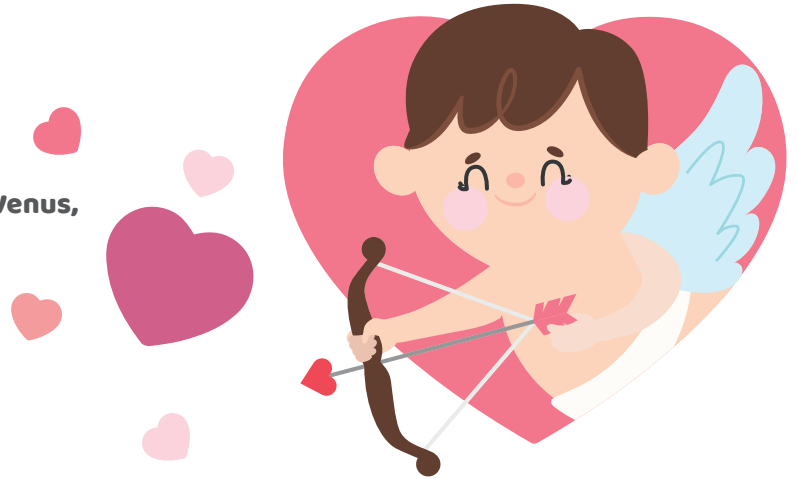
The X became a symbol for a kiss in medieval times, because people who couldn't write signed their name as an X, and kissed it to show good faith.

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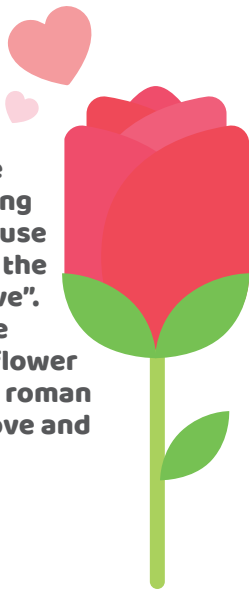


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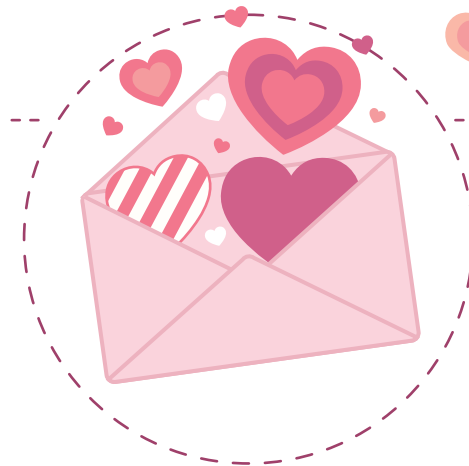
Cupid, a charming cherub who is the son of Venus, is associated with Valentine's Day due to his magnificent love-matching powers.



Red roses are common during this day because it's known as the "flower of love". It is said to be the favorite flower of Venus, the Roman goddess of love and beauty.



We believe that among all the people who receive Valentine's Day cards, teachers might get the most!



Actually, over 145 million Valentine's Day cards are sent every February 14, which makes it the second biggest holiday for exchanging cards, right after Christmas.

Back in the 1800s, doctors prescribed chocolate as a treatment for those who had been disappointed in love - that's why chocolates are one of the most common gifts during this holiday.

