

# Zero Waste Valentines' Day Cards

## Curriculum Standard:

- ESS3

## Your students will learn by:

- Creating artwork
- Using fine motor skills

## After this activity, students will know:

- how to make art from reused materials
- what's recyclable in Nashville
- how much waste is generated from Valentines' day

## What you need:

- Paper scraps
- Scissors
- Crayons, pencils, or markers
- Cardboard (optional)

## Background

- Watch this [video](#) about recycling in Nashville to learn what can be recycled
- Valentines' Day cards that are sold in stores usually aren't recyclable. Paper cannot be recycled if it has glittery, shiny, or fuzzy components.
- Using leftover paper scraps to make valentines saves resources. We are choosing to reuse rather than to use a new material which saves trees from being cut down and other resources like water needed to make new paper..

## Art Activity Time!

- Fold your paper or cardboard in half and draw half a heart from the fold to the edge.
- Cut along the line you drew and unfold the paper to reveal your heart.
- Write a nice message to a classmate about what you like or appreciate about them.
- Decorate the card and give it to your friend.

