

Valentines for Veterans Tips and Message Ideas

Tips

1. Please do not include candy or chocolate with the valentines.
2. **Do not use sparkles** or materials that easily break off the valentines.
3. Encourage your students to **sign** their valentines and to write a bit about themselves—their age and what school they attend. However, **do not include addresses or phone numbers.**
4. Do not put individual valentines in sealed envelopes. Send us a single large envelope containing all of the valentines.
5. Do not put the date or year on the valentines.
6. Ensure your students are aware of who Veterans are—they are living and were men and women who served in the military. Avoid using "RIP" and images related to violence or death such as graveyards or guns.

Message Ideas

1. Tell the Veteran why they are important, what you plan to do this year to remember our nation's proud military history, or the reason you want to wish them a Happy Valentine's Day.
2. Thank the Veteran for his or her service, sacrifice and commitment to our country and citizens.
3. Write a poem or include one of significance to Valentine's Day or to Veterans, such as, "In Flanders Field" or "Roses are Red".
4. Send a store-bought valentine; hand-crafted cards, however, make Veterans feel extra special.
5. Valentines of all shapes, sizes, and colors are welcome. However, valentines that are greeting-card size are **easier to package** and distribute.