Find the letters that spell Happy Valentine's Day. Check them off below.



This sweet sweater is adorned with flirty hearts and Scottie dogs.

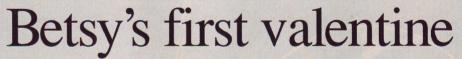




HAPPY

VALENTINE'S DAY

A frilly heart emblem gives a pair of jeans (left) a pretty touch. Before cutting Betsy out, paste this page onto sturdy oaktag.



s soon as our teacher, Mrs. Oakes, said that we could have a Valentine's Day party, I signed up for the planning committee. Someone had a great idea—we could make mailboxes to hold our valentines. Everyone brought in a shoe box, and during homeroom we decorated them with glitter and things we had cut out. Then we cut a slit in the lid big enough for the cards to fit through. We all kept giggling, because we wondered, "What if someone got a romantic valentine?" My friends

made jokes like, "You want one from *so-and-so*." I said, "Oh yeah, right!" I mean, I have boys who are *friends*, but none I *really* like.

We told everyone to wear something red or pink on the day of the party, but some boys said "No way." We listened to CDs and played some really fun games. Then we all put our mailboxes out in the hallway, and each person went out separately and delivered valentines. Later on, my friends and I opened our cards. Julie got one that said "I know you like me," and Amber opened an

envelope and found a candy heart that said "Hot Mama."

Then came the biggest surprise of all. I got a card that said "You're the coolest girl in the class. Love, your secret admirer."

My friends burst out laughing and said if I don't really have a crush on anybody, how come my face turned bright red? I kept waiting for a boy to be staring or something, but no one acted weird. I was embarrassed, but I felt happy too. I guess even if you're not totally into boys, it still feels good to know someone likes you.