

# Crafts 'n Snacks

A Monthly Series from Keepsake Curriculum

## February

Craft: "Berry" Special Valentine's Day Card

Snack: Strawberry Shortcake Dippers

Story Ideas:

"The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, & the Hungry Bear" by Don & Audrey Wood

"The Strawberry Garden" by Lia Yaffe Talmor

"Watch a Strawberry Grow" by Kirsten Chang

"The Very Berry Counting Book" by Jerry Pallotta

# "Berry" Special Valentine's Day Card

This cute Valentine's Card idea uses your child's fingerprints to make the strawberry seeds. A perfect gift for grandma, grandpa, or someone special on Valentine's Day!

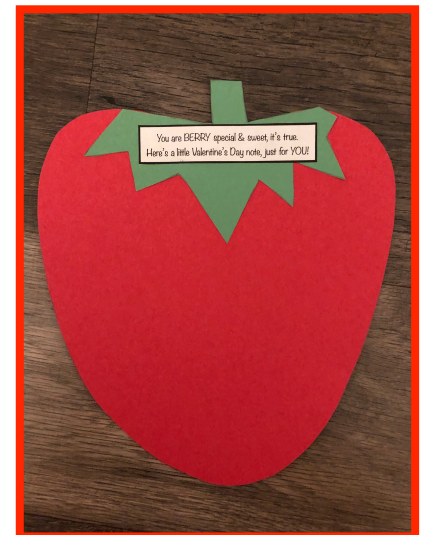
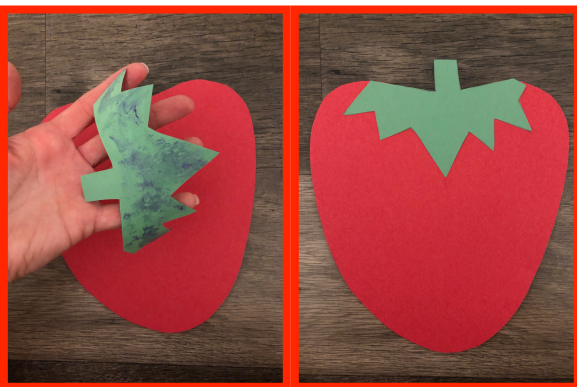
## Materials:

- 9x12 construction paper - red & green
- Strawberry template (included)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue Stick
- Black craft paint & Paper plate



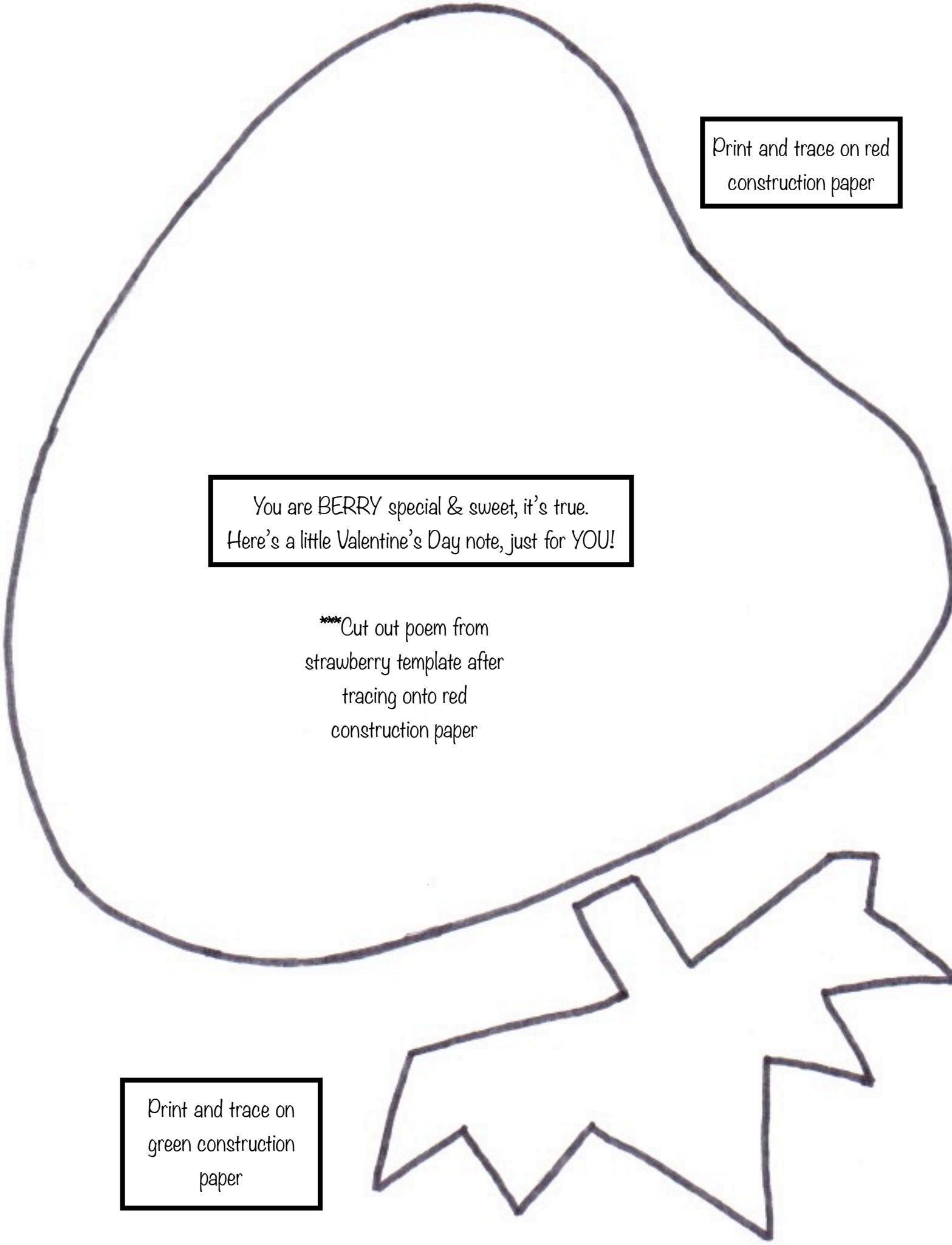
## Instructions:

1. Print and cut the templates for the strawberry.
2. Trace the berry on red paper and the strawberry top on green paper; cut.
3. Apply glue with the glue stick to the back of the green strawberry top (do not glue the back of the stem).
4. Glue to the top of the strawberry, letting the stem hang off the top.
5. Cut the poem out of the strawberry template and glue the poem to the green top of the strawberry.



6. Put a small squirt of black paint onto a paper plate; dip child's finger into paint and tap little fingerprints onto strawberry; repeat until strawberry is covered.
7. Allow to dry; give to someone "berry" special to you!



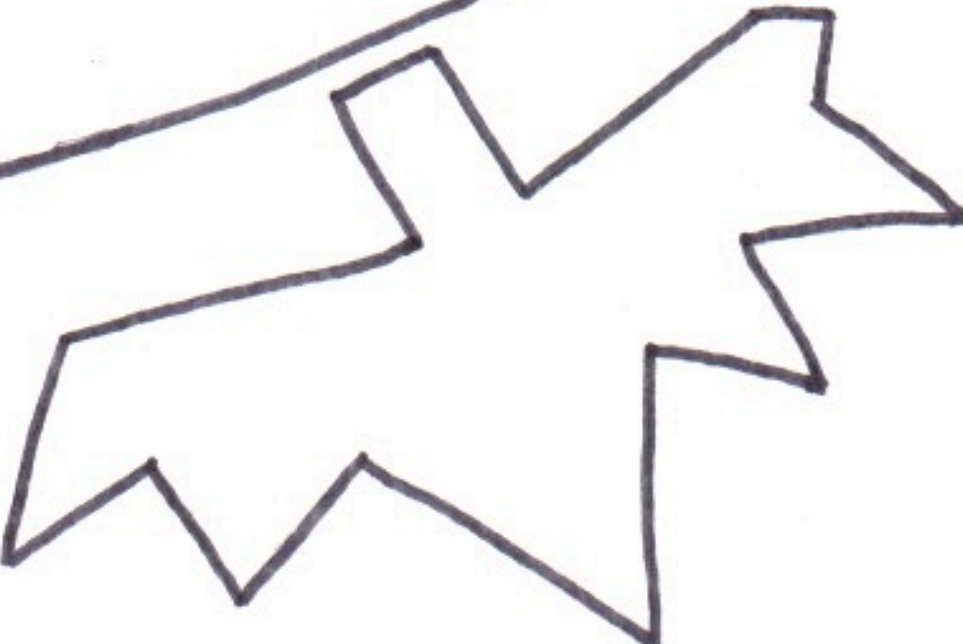


Print and trace on red  
construction paper

You are BERRY special & sweet, it's true.  
Here's a little Valentine's Day note, just for YOU!

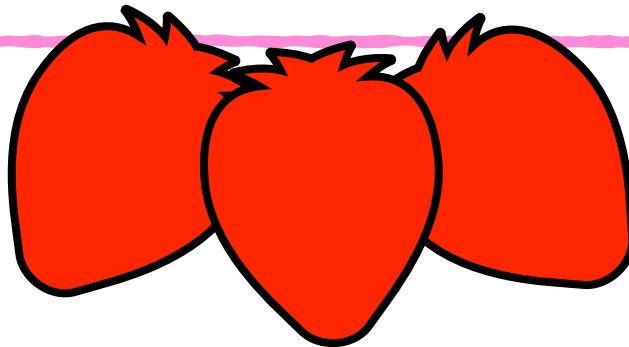
\*\*\*Cut out poem from  
strawberry template after  
tracing onto red  
construction paper

Print and trace on  
green construction  
paper





# Strawberry Shortcake Dippers



## Ingredients:

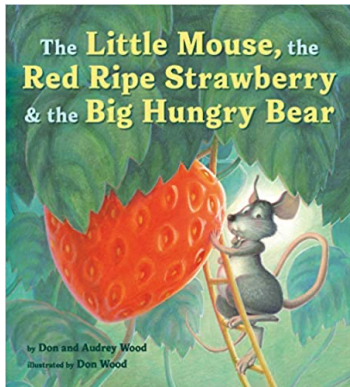
8 graham crackers  
1 cup strawberry yogurt  
1 cup fresh strawberries, diced

## Directions:

1. Line a non-stick baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Spread 1-2 tablespoons of yogurt on half of one graham cracker.
3. Top with a few strawberries and place on the baking sheet. Repeat with remaining graham crackers.
4. Freeze until the yogurt has set, about one hour. Serve immediately with a glass of milk!

\* This recipe was found at [momtomomnutrition.com](http://momtomomnutrition.com)

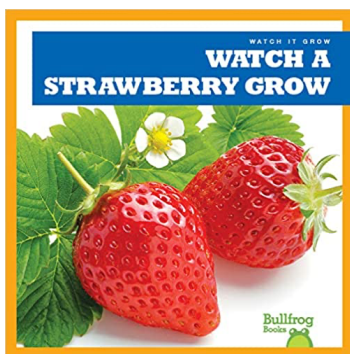
# Strawberry Read-Alouds for Kids



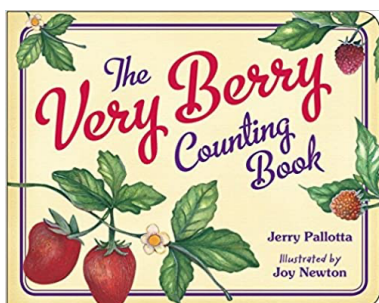
"The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, & the Big Hungry Bear" by Don & Audrey Wood - Little Mouse loves strawberries, but so does the big hungry bear. . . How will Little Mouse stop the bear from eating his freshly picked, red ripe strawberry? This classic story is beloved for its humor, expressive illustrations, and surprise ending—pure read-aloud fun! (Amazon description)



"The Strawberry Garden" by Lia Yaffe Talmor - Grandfather Ethan planted strawberry seedlings in the garden bed, and when they grew big strawberries that were all shiny and red - everybody wanted to taste them: the cow, the crow, and even the cat. It's a good thing that the scarecrow was there to scare them away! But what happens when little Nora, the granddaughter, wants to collect the shiny red strawberries? With this book, kids can learn about scarecrows, how they are made and what purpose they serve; they can learn about different animals, and the value of keeping something precious to enjoy later. "The Strawberry Garden" offers kids lessons about the progress of nature, about bravery and about sharing. Your children will enjoy the rich colorful illustrations and cute story. This children's book is most suitable as a read aloud book for preschoolers or a self-read book for older children (Amazon description)



"Watch a Strawberry Grow" by Kirsten Chang - Vibrant, full-color photos and carefully leveled text will engage young readers as they learn about how this delicious berry is grown and harvested. (Amazon description)



"The Very Berry Counting Book" by Jerry Pallotta - Best-selling author Jerry Pallotta's latest counting book is for the youngest readers to devour. Covering familiar North American berries like blueberries and strawberries, as well as lesser-known ones such as mul-berries and salmonberries, this fruity board book combines evocative adjectives with berry names, numbers, and colors in a sweet and simple way. Joy Newton's botanical illustrations bring a vintage farm-stand feel to each page. (Amazon description)