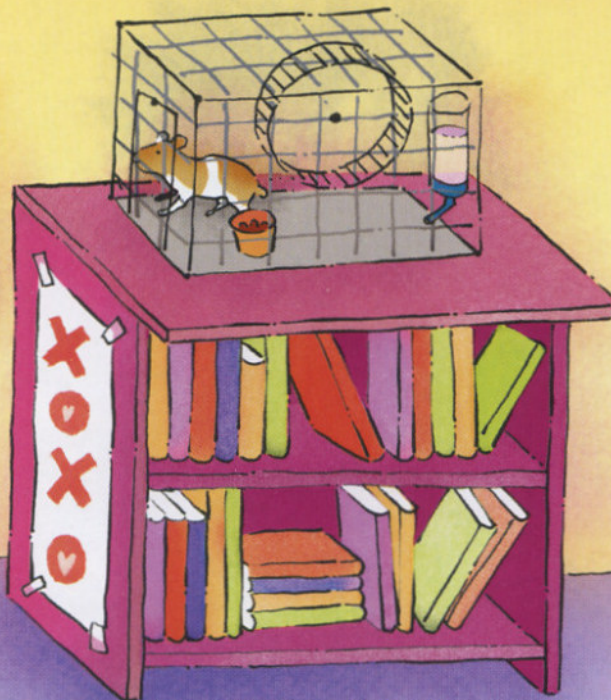
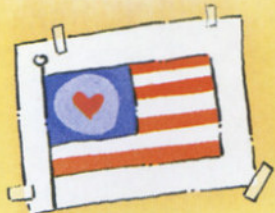
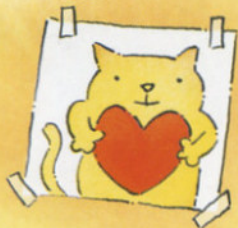


The Great Valentine Mystery





It's Valentine's Day! All of the kids in Ms. Jacobs's class are so excited—they can't wait for their special Valentine's party.



"We still have a lot to do before the party," Ms. Jacobs tells the class.

"First, let's decorate the classroom!"

"I brought balloons!" says Beth.

"I brought streamers!" Angela says.

"And I brought pretty flowers!" says Susan.

"Flowers? Eww!" says Carl.



"The classroom looks great," Ms. Jacobs says with a smile.
"Is it time for the party?" Robby asks.



"Not yet. We'll have the party after lunch," Ms. Jacobs tells everyone.
"But it *is* time to deliver your valentines!"
"Valentines? Eww!" says Pete.



The art teacher has a special activity today. "We're all going to do an art project together!" he explains. "We'll make a big Valentine's mural. You can hang it up in your classroom for the party."



"I'm going to draw school," Jordan says.
"I'm going to draw Cupid!" Marie says.
"Cupid? Eww!" says Mike.



It's time for gym!

"Everybody, make two teams," calls the coach. "We're going to play Valentine's Soccer. One team is the Hugs, and the other team is the Kisses!"

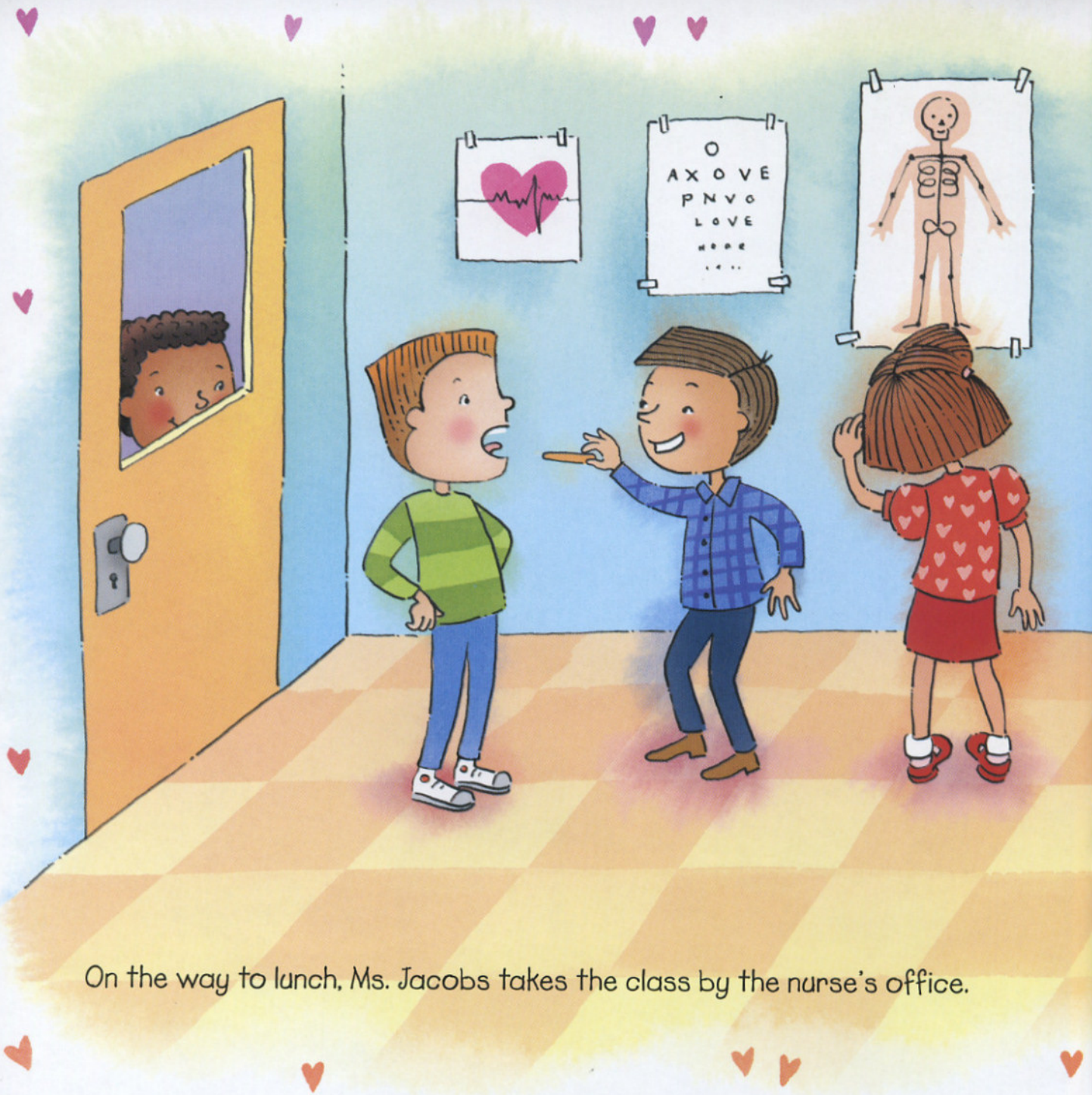


"Valentine's Soccer—awesome!" cheers Stephanie.
"Hugs? Kisses? *Eww!*" Matt says.

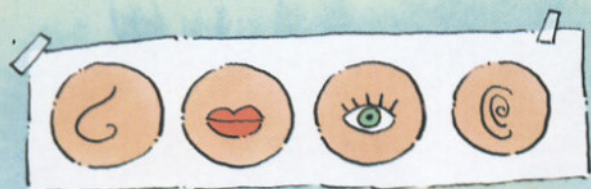


In music class, there is more Valentine's fun.
The kids sing "I Love You, a Bushel and a Peck" and
"Love Makes the World Go Round."
"Love? Eww!" says Sam.





On the way to lunch, Ms. Jacobs takes the class by the nurse's office.



"Happy Valentine's Day, kids!" the nurse says.
"Line up so I can listen to your hearts."
"Hearts? Eww!" Paul says.



At lunch, everyone keeps talking about the party.



No one eats dessert because there will be lots of cookies and cupcakes later. Yum!





After lunch, the kids play outside.
Brrrr! It's cold today!
Then—at last!—it's time for the party!



Everyone hurries back to the classroom.
Wait! Something's wrong!



"Look! The treats are missing!" shouts Carl.
Ms. Jacobs smiles at the class. "Don't worry," she says.
"I know where they are!"



Ms. Jacobs takes the class to the cafeteria.



"Now we can all decorate the treats," she says. "Happy Valentine's Day!"
"Treats? Yay!" yell all the kids.



Once everyone is back in the classroom, the party can finally start. But wait! Something else is missing—Piggie the hamster! “Oh, no!” exclaims Ms. Jacobs. “I must have left the cage door open after I fed her!”