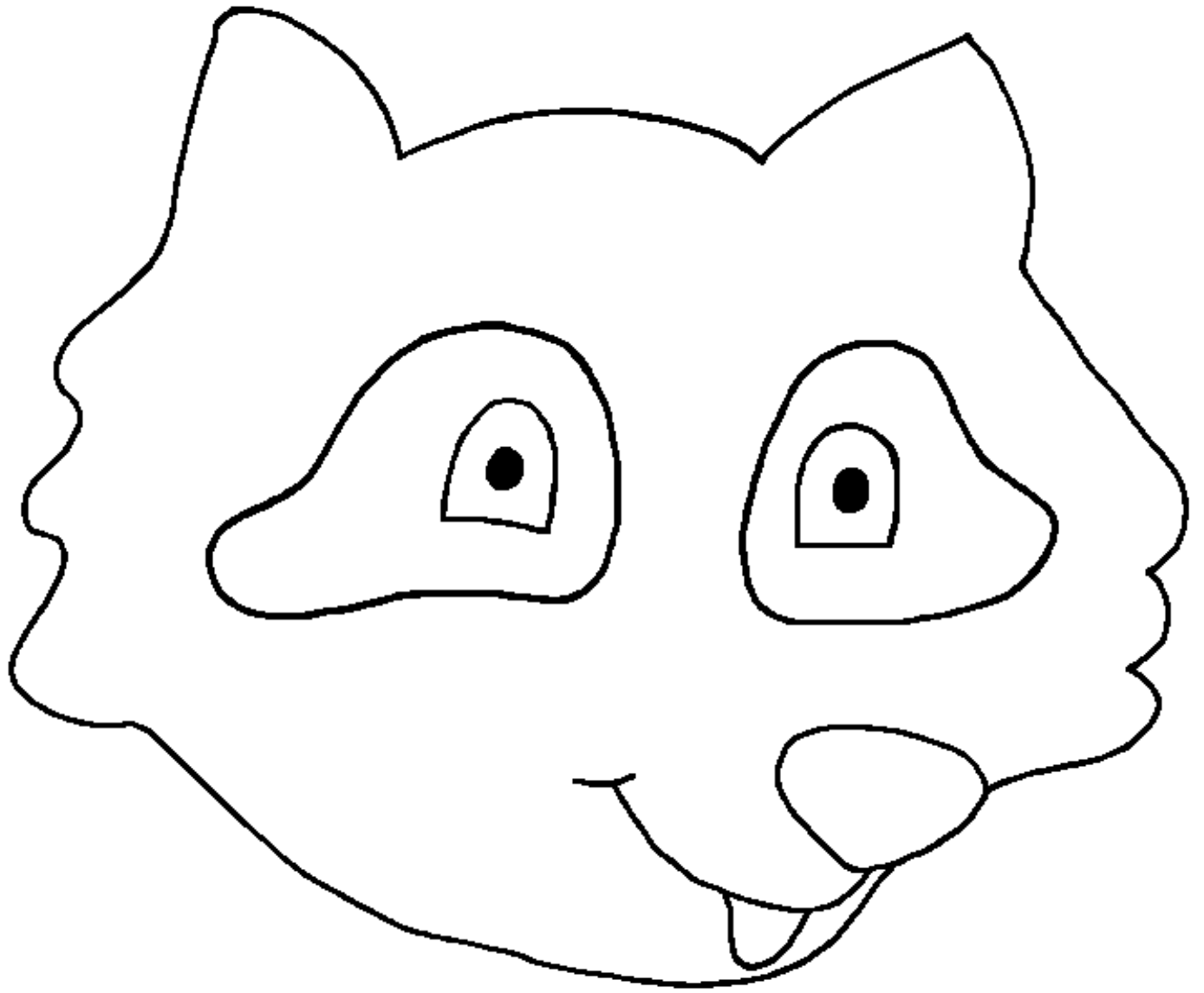
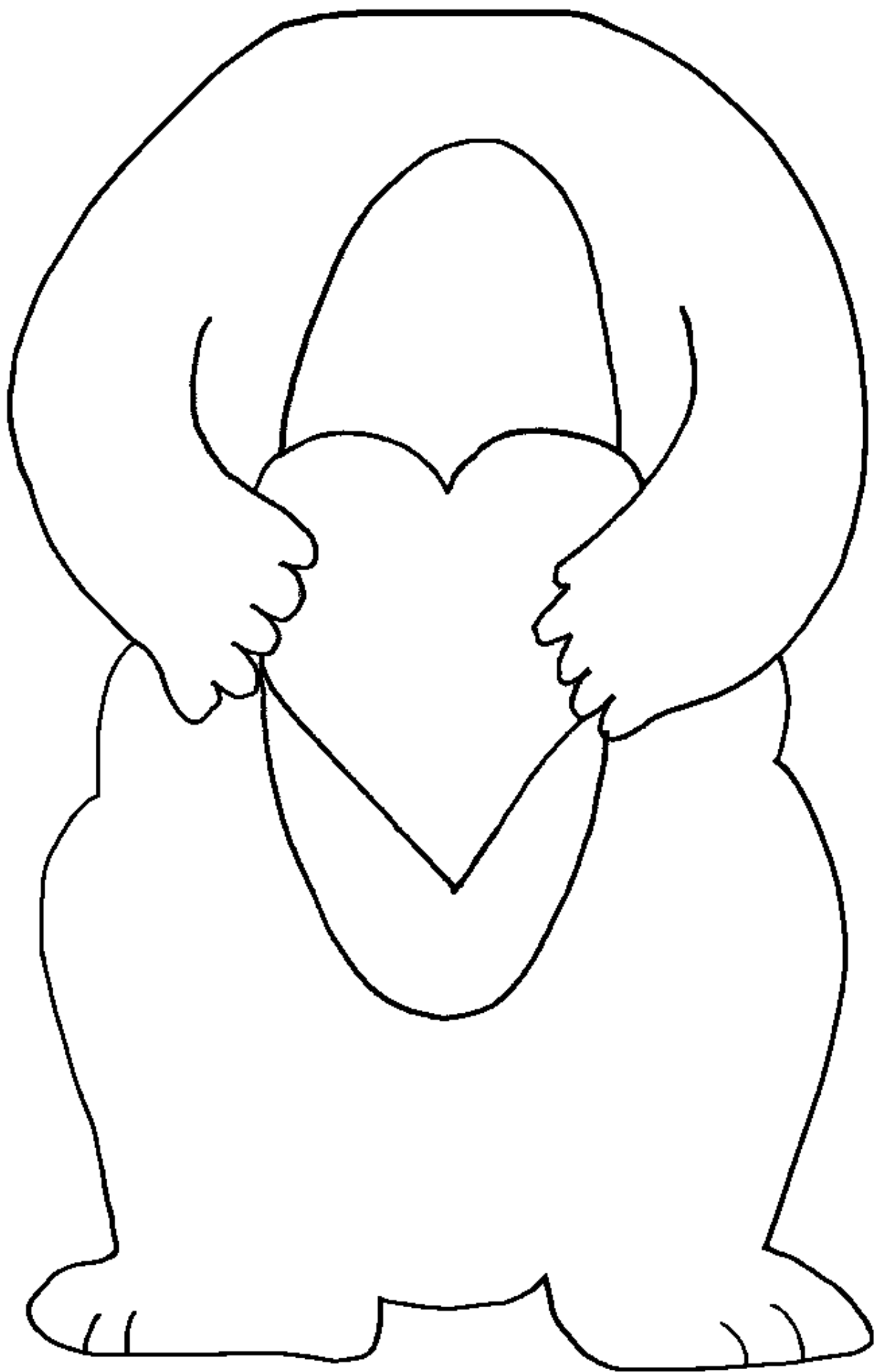


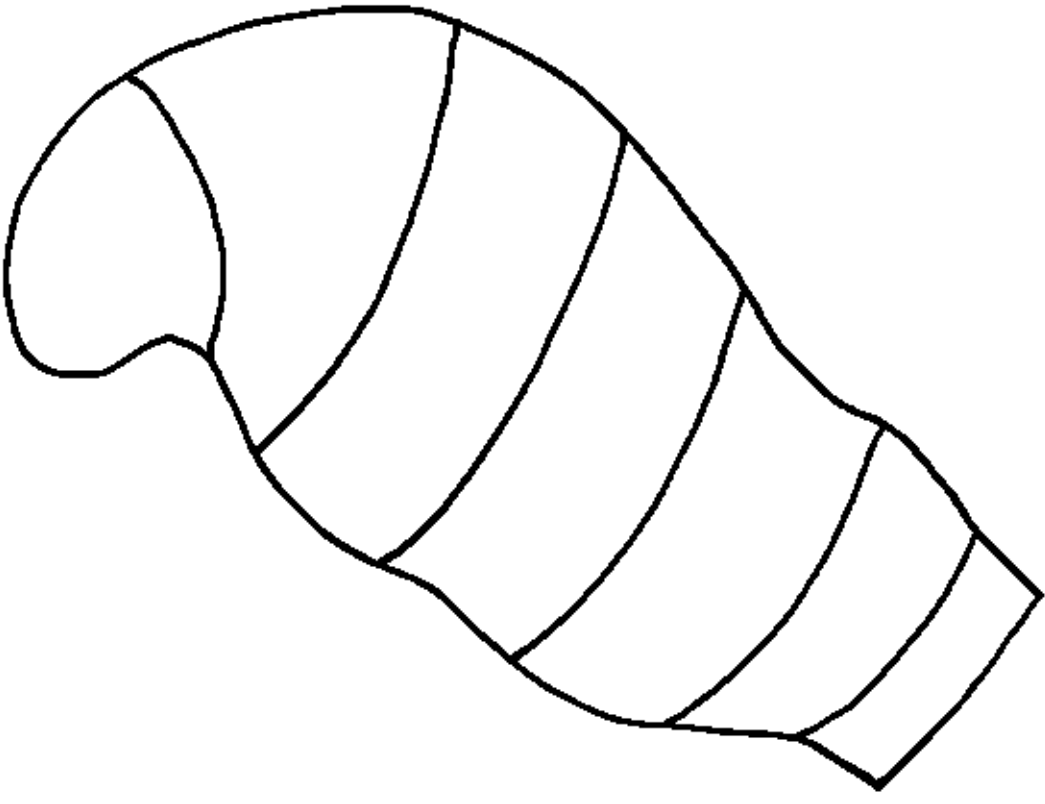
Kissing Hand Chester Paper Bag Puppet

I usually do this activity on the first day of school. As the children walk in I let them color their puppet. I also let them try (with help) to cut out the puppet. We then use our glue sticks and glue them on the small paper lunch bags. I call all of the children down and read the story The Kissing Hand and let the children use their puppets during the story. After the story, the children go back to their seats and trace their hand on paper. I let them color it in so I can determine their coloring ability and get a sneak peak at their creativity. As they are coloring I put a special sparkly heart sticker in the middle of the drawn hand. I tell them they get to take them home to their parents and tell them the story of Chester and how much they missed their family. I also tell them that if they get sad, they can pull out their hand and remember how much their family loves them during the day. I then attach the poem to the bottom of the paper so parents can learn about what we did the first day of school. I have provided two different poems. These ideas were inspired from other teachers. I am not going to take the credit from great ideas. I have only made them better! Please email me with any questions at customerservice@lovetwoteach.com.

Thanks for being a teacher!
Kristen Walsky







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Here are my hands with ten fingers in all,
My first mark in Kindergarten to hang on the wall.
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