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February Enrichment Activities
Grades K-2

National Black History Month

Throughout history, many African-Americans have made significant contributions to our society. Read about several different notable African-Americans in the selection, "National Black History Month." Then create a picture book that shows off some of their important contributions!

What you will need:

2 pieces of white paper (computer paper is fine)

Stapler

Scissors

Crayons, colored pencils, and/or markers

Directions:

Fold each piece of paper in half. Then, fold it in half again the other way (when you finish folding you should have two rectangles).

Stack one folded sheet on top of the other, lining them up so that the closed edges of the rectangles are on the left and on the top.

Staple 3-4 staples down the left-hand side. Next, use the scissors to cut open the closed edges on the top of the pages. The folded papers should now look like a mini "book"!

Use your crayons, markers, or colored pencils to decorate the cover of your book however you'd like. Be sure to write a title on the cover. A good title might be something like "Important African-Americans!"

Choose 6-7 inventions or accomplishments from the selection you read. Draw a picture of each invention or accomplishment on one page of your book. If you'd like, write a few words or a sentence to go with each picture.

When you are finished making your picture book, share it with your friends, classmates, or family. Talk about each of the invention and accomplishment. Who is responsible for each one? How did they change our world for the better?



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Art Gallery: Pierre-Auguste Renoir & Impressionism

Pierre-Auguste Renoir was one of the famous founders of Impressionism. But that was not all! Later in his career, he painted mostly portraits. Read about Pierre-Auguste Renoir's life and career in the selection. Then, try painting a portrait of your own!

What you will need:

Easel (or another place to prop up drawing paper)

1 piece of heavy drawing or painting paper

Pencil and eraser

Tempura or watercolor paints

Water

Paintbrush

Paper towels or rag

Directions:

First, choose a person you would like to paint! It could be a friend, classmate, family member, teacher, etc. Have this person pose for you. They could be sitting, standing, holding something, dressed in costume...it is up to you!

Once your subject is ready, set your easel up in front of them. Begin by lightly drawing an outline of the person with your pencil. Try to capture what they look like. Are they smiling or frowning? What are their hands doing?

When you are satisfied with your pencil sketch, begin painting! Use the paper towels or rag to wipe off any excess paint or drips on your painting. Try to choose colors that are close to the actual colors that you see. For example, if your subject has brown eyes, paint their eyes brown and not purple. This will make your portrait more realistic.

When you have finished, set the portrait aside to dry. Then, show the finished painting to the person you painted! Does it look like them? Share your portrait with friends, family members, and classmates.



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Wildville – Penguin

Read the selection, “Wildville—Penguin.” Then, answer the fill in the blank questions about this fascinating animal. Use the vocabulary words above the questions to answer them. Remember, each word is used only once!

Emperor swim Adélie 17 tobogganing birds

1. Penguins are _____.
2. The _____ is the largest penguin species.
3. The _____ penguin lays two eggs.
4. Penguins can _____ at speeds of up to 30 miles per hour.
5. When a penguin lies on its belly and uses its flippers and feet like oars it is called _____.
6. There are _____ different species of penguins.



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It's Valentine's Day!

Valentine's Day is a great opportunity to tell people that you love them! Who do you want to share your love with on Valentine's Day? What would you give them on this day if you could get any kind of present imaginable? Draw a picture of the Valentine's Day present you'd give this person in the box below. Then, fill in the blanks in a short Valentine's Day note to go with the present. When you are finished, share your present and note with the special person you chose!

Dear _____,

Happy Valentine's Day! For Valentine's Day this year, I wanted to get you _____ because

_____.

I love you!

Love,



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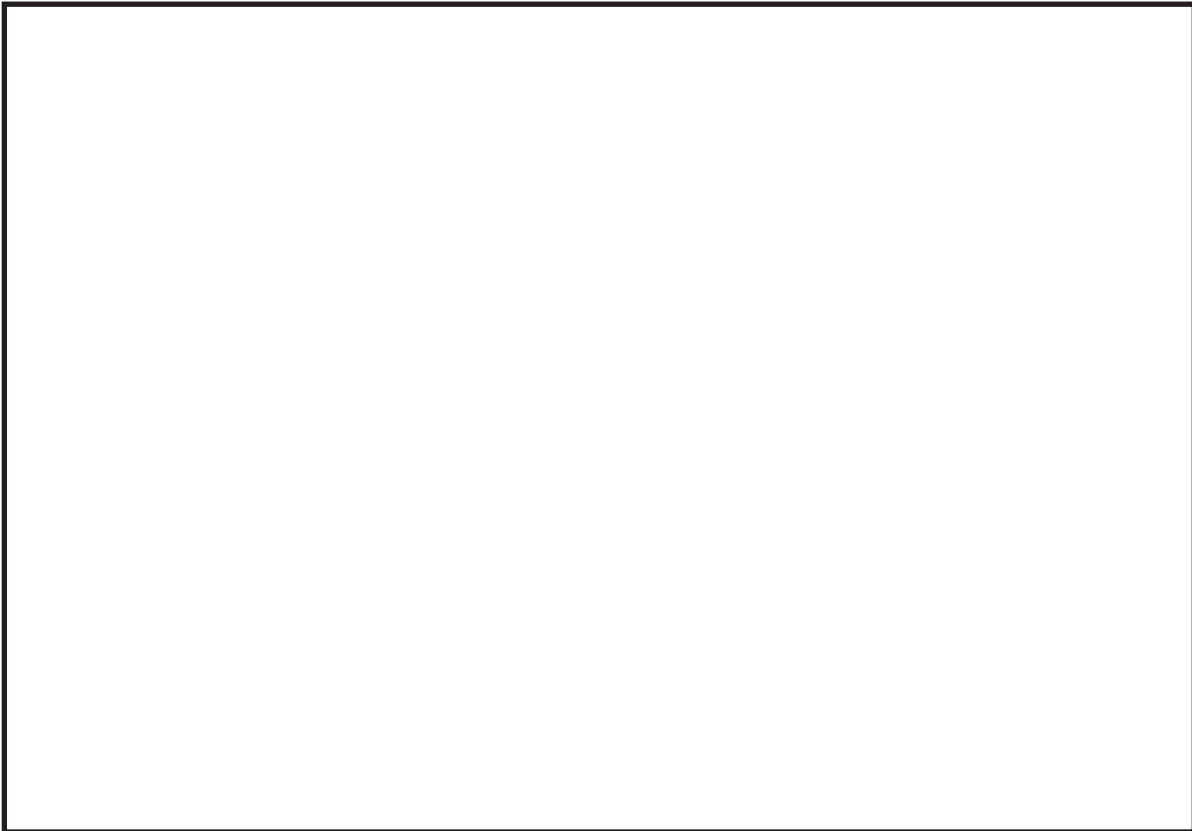
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What's It Like to Be ... A Pediatric Dentist?

Dr. Terri Hubbard has a very important job – keeping kids' mouths and teeth healthy! Read about her career in the selection. Then, think about your visits to the dentist. What are they like? What happens there? Are you scared the way that Dr. Hubbard used to be? Or, are trips to the dentist fun?

In the box below, draw a picture of one of your visits to the dentist.



Share your picture with friends and classmates. Have they had similar experiences at the dentist office? Talk about things you like and dislike about visiting the dentist. Then, discuss some of the things you do at home to make sure your teeth stay healthy!



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Answer Key

Wildville – Penguin

1. birds
2. Emperor
3. Adélie
4. swim
5. tobogganing
6. 17