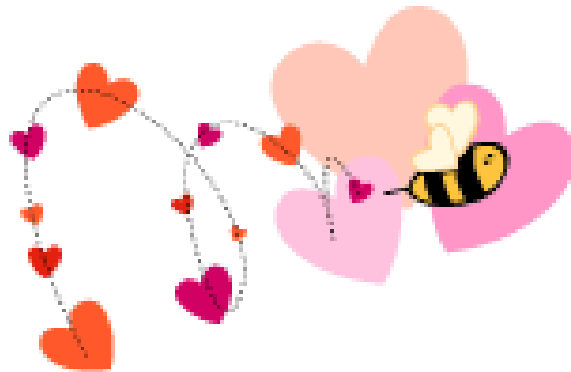


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My Journal for



February

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February is Black History Month

African-Americans helped make America great, even before it was its own country. Many great inventors, scientists, and leaders were African-American. Choose an African-American about whom you would like to know more. Write your question below. Now read about this person. Write a summary.

Question:

Summary

On the other side of this page, draw a picture of the person you chose.

Name _____



February is International Friendship Month

One of the best ways for countries to get along is for the members of the countries to understand each other and become friends. Do you have any friends in other countries? If so, write about them here. If not, consider getting a pen pal from a foreign country. Which country would be the most interesting to you? Why?

Draw a picture of yourself visiting your ideal pen pal's home country.

Name _____

February is American Heart Month

What do you know about your heart? Your heart works hard for you every day. What do you do for your heart?

Find out two ways to to keep your heart healthy. Write about them here.

1. _____

2. _____

Draw a picture of yourself doing something healthy for your heart.

Name _____



The second week in February is Random Acts of Kindness Week

People should be kind every day, not just one week of the year. But this is a good week to focus on being extra kind. What will you do on Random Acts of Kindness week? Maybe you could organize your class to do something together. Suggest a good way to celebrate this week.

Draw a picture of your “random act”.

Name _____

HAPPY PRESIDENTS' DAY

The third Monday in February is Presidents' Day

We use this day to honor presidents past and present. George Washington and Abraham Lincoln are two of the presidents who were born in February.

If you were the president of the United States, how would you suggest the nation celebrate Presidents' Day?

Draw a picture to illustrate your idea for a Presidents' Day celebration.

Name _____



February 2nd is Groundhog Day

People say that if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, we will have six more weeks of winter. If he doesn't see his shadow, we will have an early spring.

What decides whether or not the groundhog sees his shadow? Do you think this is a good way to predict an early spring?

Draw a picture of what you think the groundhog will see.

Name _____

February 3rd - *The Silent World* published

In 1953, Jacques-Yves Cousteau published *The Silent World*, a book that revealed the secrets of life under water to most of the world for the first time.

If you had the chance to go deep sea diving, what do you think would be the most interesting thing about the experience (the plant life, the animal life, or something else)? If you have been deep sea diving, describe your experience.

Draw a picture of what you would expect to see if you went deep sea diving.

Name _____

February 4th is Rosa Parks's birthday

Do you know who Rosa Parks is? Read about Rosa Parks and write about the role Rosa Parks played in U.S. history.

Draw a picture of Rosa Parks or of the events that she inspired.

Name _____

February 5th - Walk/Don't Walk sign appears

The first "Walk/Don't Walk" sign was installed in New York City on February 5th, 1952. It can now be found in almost every city in the world. Not everyone obeys this sign. Why is it important to obey this sign?

Draw a picture of a way to make crossing a street safer.

Name _____



February 7th is Laura Ingalls Wilder's birthday

Laura Elizabeth Ingalls was born in 1867. She lived an exciting life, traveling across America in a covered wagon and living in "little houses". She wrote a series of books about her childhood, called the "Little House" series.

Have you read a "Little House" book? Write a review of it here.

On the other side of this page, draw a picture to illustrate your favorite scene from the book.

Name _____



February 8th is Boy Scouts Day

The Boy Scouts of America was founded on February 8th, 1910. It is an organization for teaching young men about teamwork, community involvement, and outdoor survival skills, among other things. Would you like to learn about these things?

Draw a picture of yourself doing something for the community.

Name _____



February 9th is Toothache Day

When was the last time you had a toothache? What did you do to make it stop?

Draw a picture of a toothache.

Name _____



February 10th is Umbrella Day

What if it stopped raining and all of the water came somewhere else? The plants and animals would be fine... but what about umbrellas? Your job is to keep Umbrella Day a holiday. Write a list of what we can use umbrellas for besides keeping rain off of our heads.

Draw a picture of an umbrella used in another way.

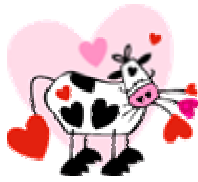
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February 11th is Inventors' Day

What is your favorite invention? Do you know who invented it? Write about the inventor of your favorite invention.

Draw a picture of the inventor or the invention.

Name _____



February 14th is Valentine's Day

How do you plan to celebrate Valentine's Day? Write about what you plan to do here.

Draw a picture of your celebration.

Name _____

February 15th - Canada flies the “Maple Leaf” flag



As a British colony, Canada flew the “Union Jack”. Even after Canada became self-governing, the Canadian flag featured the Union Jack in its design. In 1965, Canada finally got its own flag, a white maple leaf on a red background. This flag is now one of the most recognized in the world.

How important is it for a country to have its own flag? Why do you think so?

If you were going to start a country, what kind of flag do you think it should have?
Draw a picture of the flag you’ve designed for your own country.

Name _____

February 15th is Gumdrop Day

You have just bought a gumdrop factory. You plan to create a new kind of gumdrop. Explain what it will look, taste, and feel like.

Draw a picture of your new gumdrop.

Name _____



February 15th is Susan B. Anthony's birthday

Susan B. Anthony was born in 1820. She was a strong supporter of equal rights for women and she fought against slavery. She was arrested for voting in 1872. Women were finally allowed to vote (through the Nineteen Amendment, passed in 1920), thanks in large part to Susan B. Anthony's dedication.

What do you think of Susan B. Anthony?

Name _____

February 18th Pluto discovered

In 1930, Clyde Tombaugh discovered a dwarf planet, which he named Pluto. If you discovered a planet, what would you name it? Why would you choose this name?

Draw a picture of your planet and label it.

Name _____

February 19th is Nicholas Copernicus’ birthday

Nicholas Copernicus is sometimes called “the father of modern astronomy”. He was one of the first scientists to suggest that the planets revolve around the sun (rather than that the sun revolves around Earth).

Find out more about Copernicus. Where was he born? What else did he study? Write about his here.

On the other side of this page, draw a picture to go with your biography of Copernicus.

Name _____

February 20th Toothpick maker patented

Recently, anthropologists have found evidence that people were picking their teeth over a million years ago. If the evidence is correct, tooth picking is one of the oldest human habits.

In 1872, a patent was taken out for a machine that would mass-produce toothpicks.

Today, many people use floss to clean between their teeth. Do you use floss? Why or why not?

Write an ad for a new way to clean your teeth.

Name _____

February 22nd is Be Humble Day

Have you ever given up an argument, even when you thought you were right, for the sake of not fighting? Have you ever helped someone and not taken credit for it? Do you show respect to people simply because they are older (even if they aren't necessarily wiser)? These are acts of humility. Write about a time that you were humble.

I was humble when I...

Being humble make me feel

Name _____



February 22nd is George Washington's birthday

There are plenty of legends about George Washington. Which one is your favorite?

Draw a picture to go along with your writing.

Name _____

February 24th is Wilhelm Grimm's birthday

Wilhelm Grimm was born in 1786. With his brother, Jacob, he collected folk tales. They put the collection together in *Grimm's Fairy Tales*. The stories had existed as oral folktales before then. Rapunzel, Snow White, Hansel and Gretel, and many other world-famous characters appeared in writing for the first time in this book.

Do you have a favorite fairy tale? Why is it your favorite?

Draw a scene from your favorite fairy tale.

Name _____



February 27th Polar Bear Day

What do you know about polar bears? What two questions you would like answered about polar bears. Read and write about what you learn polar bears.

Question 1 _____

Question 2 _____

Draw a picture of a polar bear.

Name _____

February 28th {Reflection}

Think about the last month. Write about all the things you enjoyed learning. Think about a few little things that you would like to keep as memories and write them down now, so that even years later you can look back and remember.

On the other side of this page, glue or attach an article of any kind. Maybe you have a picture you would like to save. Maybe you had a really funny haircut this month and would like to save a piece of your hair. What about a really good piece of candy? Here is a great place to save the wrapper. Did you get any awards this month? Think of any simple thing you would like to keep, to remember later.

