

ESPECIALLY FOR TEACHERS FROM FLMS...January 2008

CREATIVE CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

In January we celebrate New Year's Day, Martin L. King, Jr.'s Birthday, National Hobby Month, and Australia Day. Provided below are several creative activities for teachers to use with their students during this month. Let us know how you and your students like them. Thanks.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

- Do we celebrate the end of the old year or the beginning of the new one? Defend your answer.
- Predict four resolutions you will make in the year 2017. (How old will you be?)
- Design a crossword puzzle using the names of college football teams and key players who participated in the bowl games on New Year's Day.
- Give examples of paraphernalia used to celebrate New Year's Eve.
- What color does New Year's Day represent to you? Explain.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'s BIRTHDAY

- Define civil rights in your own words and discuss with a partner or small group how civil rights are important to our way of life.
- What responsibilities do leaders have?
- Identify five positive things Martin Luther King, Jr. did for the people of the U.S.
- If you could have any leadership role, what would it be and why?
- Identify other people who have stood up for what they believed and made a difference.

NATIONAL HOBBY MONTH

- Name at least eight games that use dice.
- Imagine your hobby has gained national attention; create a poster or brochure advertising the opening of a display of your hobby to the public.
- In what ways could you prove "practice makes perfect"?
- Stretch your imagination. Think of all the ways you could use your leisure time.
- Predict what life would be like without hobbies.

AUSTRALIA DAY

- If you were describing your life to an Australian child, what would you tell him/her?
- Describe how it might feel to live in a kangaroo pouch. Can you imagine any human situations that are similar?
- Outback is the answer. What could the questions be?
- Complete this thought: Australia is...
- Design a collage with pictures that represent the Outback.

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