

## **ESPECIALLY FOR TEACHERS FROM FLMS...February 2009**

### *CREATIVE CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES*

In February we celebrate Freedom Day, Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, and Black History Month. 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.

#### **FREEDOM DAY**

- Discuss with your classmates the struggles of one modern-day country as it attempts to gain freedom from oppressive rule; bring in newspaper articles depicting this struggle.
- If you had a freedom treasure chest, what would be inside? Why?
- What does it mean to "let freedom ring"?
- Does freedom feel more like a flag or a rainbow? A poem or a song? A parade or a ball game? New Year's or the Fourth of July? Explain each choice.

#### **VALENTINE'S DAY**

- If you could do whatever your heart desires, what would you do and why?
- Draw a picture illustrating the theme "Love Around the World."
- With your teacher's permission, bring in a Valentine's Day treat to share with your class.
- Brainstorm as many possible Valentine's Day gifts as you can.
- Write and illustrate a booklet entitled "Love Is a World..."

#### **PRESIDENTS' DAY**

- Imagine what would happen if our presidents had ten-year terms.
- In what ways would life be different if America had a king instead of a president?
- Choose five words that describe the current President of the United States.
- Design a Presidential election campaign poster with yourself as the person running for the office.
- Create a scavenger hunt puzzle which calls for the answers to trivia questions about past presidents.

#### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

- If you could clone one famous black American past or present, who would it be and why?
- Create a time line noting each milestone black Americans have achieved.
- Respond to this statement: Learning history is easy; learning its lessons is almost impossible.
- Differentiate between segregation and integration.
- Design a poster recruiting for participants to join in the 1964 Freedom March to Washington, D.C.

**Watch for more creative classroom activities in March.**

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