



# Ms. Coles's Kindergarten Newsletter February 2010

## Words of Wisdom from Ms. Coles

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### Black History Month:

February is Black History Month. The Kindergarteners will be learning about some famous African American inventors and their achievements. In their honor, the students will be asked to do a home school project. They will have two weeks to complete their own inventions using various materials. During the last week in February, the students will present their creations at the "Invention Convention." Here, they will have a chance to show off all of their hard work to the VPK preschoolers. More information will be coming to you.

### Dental Awareness Month:

February is also Dental Awareness Month. We will be discussing the importance of keeping our teeth clean. We will also enjoy a science experiment in which we will create our own toothpaste. We hope to have a real dental hygienist come visit and teach us about keeping our teeth healthy.

### Valentine's Day Party:

We will be having a Valentine's Day party on Friday, February 12. The Kindergarteners will be exchanging Valentine's cards with the VPK classes. Each student is asked to bring in one box of Valentine's Day cards and any goodies you wish to share. If you wish to have a list of all of the students' names, please contact Ms. Coles.

## February Curriculum

**Bible:** Students will continue to add a new verse to their memory verse list. Continue to learn the New Testament books of the Bible. We will add character traits to our Bible stories to enhance our vocabulary.

**Language Arts/Spelling:** Students will continue to build on a word wall of new spelling words. Review the concept of making nouns plural by adding "s."

**Math:** Geometry: name, describe, sort and draw simple two-dimensional shapes. Describe attributes of two-dimensional shapes, e.g., number of sides and corners.

**Science:** Physical science concepts: how to observe fresh water and salt water. How to classify forms of water.

**Social Studies:** Discuss different African American inventors, our presidents.

**Reading:** Introduce an explore the concept of action words (verbs). Exploring real (non-fiction) and make believe (fiction) stories.

### **L.I.O.N. Binder Additions:**

Please make sure that you update your LION Binders by replacing the folders. If you have already done so, thank you!

### **February Events:**

- Super Bowl Party – February 5
- Valentine's Day Party – February 12
- Progress Reports – February 19
- February is American History and Black History Month