

Dear Families,

The annual 4<sup>th</sup> grade Biography Fair will be in March. Your child will write a biography about an important person, create a display board, and dress up as this important person for the fair. More information will be going home later regarding a timeline and research requirements. All of the work will be done in class over the next six weeks.

Your child needs to select a person who has substantially contributed to the world, history, or a particular subject or field. Your help may be needed to find a book to be used for gathering information. We will first see what we can find at school. Most biographies fall into one of the following categories: Inventors, Scientists, Artists/Entertainers, Explorers, Royalty, Military, Politics, Humanitarians, etc.

### BIOGRAPHY SUGGESTIONS

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <del>Amelia Earhart</del>       | <del>Elvis Presley</del>         | <del>Albert Einstein</del>        | Sacajawea                 |
| <del>Abraham Lincoln</del>      | <del>Florence Nightingale</del>  | Scott Joplin                      | Harriet Tubman            |
| Wilma Rudolph                   | Pocahontas                       | Peg Kehret                        | Harry Houdini             |
| Lance Armstrong                 | Meriwether Lewis                 | <del>Martin Luther King Jr.</del> | Paul Revere               |
| <del>Cleopatra</del>            | Jackie Robinson                  | Queen Josephine                   | Louis Pasteur             |
| Helen Keller                    | <del>John F. Kennedy</del>       | Levi Straus                       | Susan B. Anthony          |
| <del>George Washington</del>    | Teddy Roosevelt                  | <del>Walt Disney</del>            | Daniel Boone              |
| Thomas Edison                   | Marie Curie                      | Betsy Ross                        | Dizzy Gillespie           |
| Ben Franklin                    | Thomas Jefferson                 | <del>Neil Armstrong</del>         | Roald Dahl                |
| Ulysses S. Grant                | <del>Rosa Parks</del>            | Mark Twain                        | John J. Audubon           |
| Alexander Graham Bell           | Louis Braille                    | Clara Barton                      | Dolley Madison            |
| Ruby Bridges                    | Chief Joseph                     | <del>Beverly Cleary</del>         | Sylvia Earle              |
| Anne Frank                      | Jane Goodall                     | Georgia O'Keeffe                  | <del>Henry Ford</del>     |
| <del>Laura Ingalls Wilder</del> | <del>Charles Lindbergh</del>     | <del>Dr. Seuss</del>              | Annie Oakley              |
| Babe Ruth                       | Colin Powell                     | Paul Revere                       | Jane Addams               |
| J.R.R. Tolkien                  | <del>Orville/Wilbur Wright</del> | Leonardo da Vinci                 | Davy Crockett             |
| <del>Steve Jobs</del>           | <del>Michelle Obama</del>        | <del>John Kennedy</del>           | <del>Robin Williams</del> |

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**MY TOP THREE CHOICES ARE:**

#1 \_\_\_\_\_

#2 \_\_\_\_\_

#3 \_\_\_\_\_

Child's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Dear 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Families-  
Coming soon...

## **4<sup>th</sup> Grade BIOGRAPHY FAIR** **Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 7:00-8:00PM**

(There will be a second opportunity to view the BIOGRAPHY FAIR on Friday, March 17th from 8:45-10:15 AM when Woodward students visit.)

The majority of the project will be completed at school. Parent support will be needed to help your child stay on schedule, pull together a SIMPLE costume, and locate a minimum of 3 display items.

Please take a moment and read through this document completely to give you an idea of the timeline of this project. *(\*A large, tri-fold display board needs to be purchased for this project. If you would like me to order a board for your child, please send in \$5.00. Boards can also be purchased at the student store on Fridays. BOARDS ARE NEEDED IN CLASS BY MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>).*

Beginning next week, February 6<sup>th</sup>, students will read and take research notes in class. Each child must have a book no later than Feb. 6.

Monday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>

- Read book(s) and take notes.

Tuesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> - Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Write Research Report (Five paragraph Research Report is typed from Research Notes Packet).
- Research Report Due Date: Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

- Create Display Board

Thursday, March 16

- BIOGRAPHY FAIR!!!! 7:00-8:00pm. (More details about this event will be sent home later).

## **THESE THINGS ARE DONE AT HOME!**

End of February - Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

\* **Costume for Live Characterization** at the Biography Fair.  
Costume is to be created at home. Keep it simple! Let me know if you need costume help.

\* **Collect three to five display items** to represent your research subject. These items can be things such as a model airplane (Wright Bros.), microscope (Dr. Jonas Salk), apples (Johnny Appleseed), etc. Also included is the Research Report.

There is quite a bit of work required here, but it will be manageable if your child works hard and stays on pace. We will be discussing and modeling each component here in class. Your child will need some cheerleading and support at home to follow the timelines. ☺

**Please...Check in with your child OFTEN.**

Thank you in advance for your help and guidance. This will be a memorable learning experience for everyone!

Please contact me at any time if you have questions.

Sincerely,  
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