

February 16th – 19th 2010

History...A Presidents Legacy

This week we will mark the importance of both President George Washington and President Abraham Lincoln in America's history. We will be celebrating George Washington's memory with circle lessons that include facts about his life as a young boy, his many accomplishments as the "Father of our Country" and the first President of the United States. Students will also participate in a **coin-rubbing** activity using a quarter – focusing on the details on the front (*profile of George Washington*), as well as on the back of the coin.



"The 1st American President..."

We will be highlighting the accomplished life of President Abraham Lincoln. Circle time will focus on his life and presidency, which includes his birth in a log cabin, his love for reading, honesty and his passion for teaching people that everyone is equal. Students will build their own Lincoln **log cabin** – complete with a Lincoln penny inside!



"Honest Abe..."

MITTENS



"Brrrrr.....it is February and it is COLD outside!"

Using winter mitten activity's this time of year is a perfect way to continue with our phonics skill building and reading skill lessons. Our "My Mitten" lesson will focus on reading and recognizing some of the of the most common sight words.

The "New Mittens" lesson focuses on reading and connecting short phrases together to create new sentences. And lastly, the "Marvelous Mittens" activity encourages the students to listen to directions carefully and the use of descriptive phrases.

Valentine's fun!



A BIG **"Thank You"** to all the families and volunteers who participated in our annual Valentine exchange! The students loved all the many cute notes and treats they each received – and the extra candy was a big hit as well. If your

student did not join us last Friday, please pick up their treat-filled bag on the blue bins by the parent counter.