Black History Report and Project – Due Friday, February 1

February is Black History month. This is a time to honor and remember important African Americans who have made a difference in our lives and our world. You are going to be responsible for writing a report on an important African American. Research will have to be done in order for you to write your report. You may need to take notes IN YOUR OWN WORDS while you do your research. Use a folder to keep you information organized. Ideas for African Americans who have made a difference are on the back of this page. You may choose someone who is not on the list as long as I have okayed that person. Get approval sooner rather than later!

Report Requirements
• At least 5 paragraphs long (you may always do more)
  Introduction - Childhood – Obstacles – Achievements -Summary
• 5 to 7 sentences in a paragraph (you may always do more)
• Correct grammar and spelling
• Written neatly or typed
• Resources are listed on a separate page and attached to your report
  (website addresses, books – title and author, magazines – issue no., etc.)

Along with your report, you will also have to complete a project or projects, which features the African American that you researched. It may also include other important African Americans. You have to choose projects that equal 10 points. For example, if you choose to write a poem that is only 5 points so you have to pick another project to do that is 5 or more points. Here are some ideas for projects that you may do.

Project Suggestions
• Write a play about a time in your famous African American’s life (10)
• Draw a portrait of your famous African American (5)
• Create an ABC book for your person (10)
• Make up a game, including a game board, which tests our knowledge of Black History – needs directions as well (10)
• Create a picture book the displays important events in your person’s life (5)
• Create a display board (similar to a collage) (5)
• Make a time line (5)
• Write a rap, song, or poem about your person (5)
• Create your own idea and check it with me (points to be determined)

Enjoy learning about these African Americans that have had an impact on our country. Please ask for help if you need it and do your BEST!
Some Famous African Americans

Barack Obama  Malcolm X  Condoleezza Rice
Spike Lee  George Washington Carver
Alex Haley  Barry Bonds  August Wilson
Maya Angelou  Jesse Jackson  Carter G. Woodson
Langston Hughes  Magic Johnson  Benjamin Banneker
Louis Armstrong  Sojourner Truth  Cornell West
Fredrick Douglas  Oprah Winfrey  Ralph Bunch
Phyllis Wheatley  Mary McLeod Bethune
Paul Robeson  Russell Simmons

• There are many more out there to choose from. This list just gives you a few ideas. Here are some websites that will help you find who you want to write your report on and do research.

http://www.factmonster.com/spot/bhmbios1.html
http://www.aawc.com/paa.html
http://www.biography.com/blackhistory/
http://womenshistory.about.com/od/africanamerican/a/black_women.htm
http://www.infoplease.com/spot/bhmfirsts.html

There are many more websites available. Please make sure they are creditable (accurate) sources.
January Book Reports

Hello Friends and Families,

For the month of January, students are required to complete 5 book reports. That averages to one 100-page book a week – which is doable! The forms are attached for the specific genres of books to be read for the month. They are as follows: 1 mystery, 1 fiction, 1 choice and 2 nonfiction books. One of the nonfictions books MUST be about a notable AFRICAN-AMERICAN for our project.

Project: The project will be displayed during the month of February and will show an in-depth understanding of the life of a noteworthy African-American. The project CANNOT be about Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, nor Harriet Tubman. See attached directions for further instructions.

**Added Bonus:** Each student will receive a coupon for a free Personal Pan pizza from Pizza Hut upon completion of the five book reports.

This is a great opportunity to work together on a fun, educational activity as a family! As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions concerning this required assignment. Thank you in advance for your continuous support at home.

Ms. McGee

***Larger book count for more than one book
100-200 pages = 1 book
205-300 pages = 2 books
305-400 pages = 3 books
405-500 pages = 4 books and so on.

If you read a 323-page book and a 226-page book, you have read five books for December. Complete 2 reports and create a collage based on one of the two books.

***You are always welcome to read more than the required amount of books.
Mystery Book Report

Title __________________________  Author __________________________  

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Main Characters: Write a description of each character. Write about how they looked and their personalities.

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Mystery Book Report

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What were some of the clues that helped to solve the mystery?

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How was the mystery solved?

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Were you surprised by the solution? Why or why not?

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Non-fiction Book Report

Title: ______________________________________

Author: ______________________________________

Topic:
Who or what the book is about.

Write 4-5 facts you already know about the topic.

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Write 6 new words that you learned from this book.

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What did you learn?
Use the web to write facts you learned about your topic. In the circle, write your topic. On the lines, write in complete sentences what you learned!

What was the most interesting thing you learned about the topic?

Did you think the book did a good job of teaching you about the topic? Fill in the stars:

🌟🌟🌟 The book did a good job.
🌟🌟 The book did an okay job.
🌟 The book did a bad job.

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