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Martin Luther King Jr. by: Juliana M.

On the 15th of January, we observed Martin Luther King's birthday. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta Georgia.

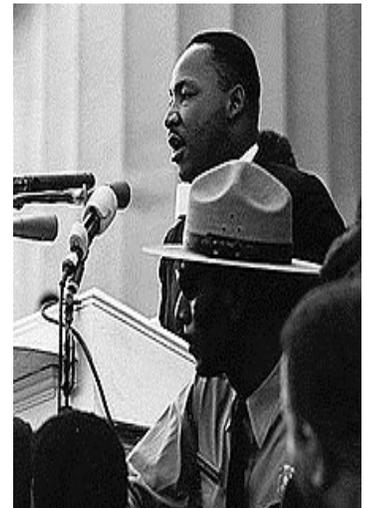
Young Martin liked to play in his backyard with his friends. One day he was told that two of his friends would no longer play with him because they were white and he was black.

Martin started reading books at home about black leaders such as Frederic Douglass, Harriet Tubman and George Washington-Carver.

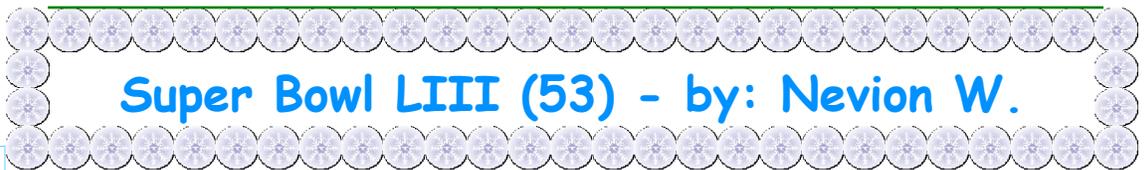
In 1954 Martin Luther King, Jr. became a pastor and the next year Rosa Parks, a black woman was arrested in Montgomery Alabama for sitting in the "white only" section of the bus. King had a famous speech "I Have a Dream" which meant he fought to have black and white people live in harmony.

King was killed on April 4, 1968 in Memphis Tennessee. He was awarded medals after he died, the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was established as a federal holiday in 1986 .

Martin Luther King, Jr
Born: January 15, 1929



Died: April 4, 1968
He was killed in Memphis



Super Bowl LIII (53) - by: Nevion W.

Fieler School Rules

- * Be Respectful
- * Be Responsible
- * Be Safe

Super Bowl LII was held on February 3, 2019 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia. The New England Patriots beat the Los Angeles Rams by a score of 13 - 3 which was the lowest scoring game in Super Bowl history. The Pa-

triotics were favored to win because they have won a total of 6 Super Bowls, including this one. Tom Brady is their quarterback and he has been with the team for 19 years and he is 41 years old. I don't think he plans on retiring any time soon because he is too good.



Meet the Staff - by: Kingston S.

Mrs. Walker is really awesome! I interviewed her to get to know her and this is what I learned:

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: Pitch Perfect

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: Nachos

Q: What are your hobbies?

A: Reading, knitting & cleaning

Q: What is your favorite restaurant?

A: Gino's Steak House



Q: What is your favorite holiday?

A: Independence Day - July 4th

Q: What is your favorite sport?

A: Baseball

Q: What is your favorite team?

A: Chicago Cubs

Q: What is your favorite TV show?

A: The Middle

Q: How do you spend your weekends?

A: I like sleeping, trying to go to the gym to work out, and doing things with my nieces and nephew.



Christmas - by: Malia M.



Christmas is all about being with our loved ones on this very special holiday. Sharing our time and good wishes with family and friends is what is important.

The main idea should always be about giving and not receiving. This is the perfect time of year to help people that are less fortunate than we are.

Christmas should not be about what type of presents and how many presents you get, this special time of year should come from the heart and not some department store.

Donations of clothing, warm coats, boots, mittens and of course food items definitely make people that are in need very thankful.

Groundhog Day - by: Enoc T.

Groundhog Day is an old superstition that goes back to 1840. The event originated in Morganstown Pennsylvania but is now celebrated in Punxsutawney Pennsylvania. It is believed that when the groundhog comes out of its burrow on February 2nd and sees its shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter. Gobbler's Knob is a section in Punxsutawney where over 40,000 people go to see if the groundhog



will see his shadow. A festival is held in the honor of Punxsutawney Phil every year and the amount of people that show up is actually four times the amount of people that live there! A groundhog is a large ground squirrel that can swim and climb trees. During the winter they hibernate under ground and sleep just like a bear does above ground. In the spring they wake up and come to the surface.

President's Day - by: Robyn R. & Zay'Vion D.

President's day is the celebration of both George Washington and Abraham Lincoln's birthdays. President's Day is always celebrated on the third Monday in the month of February; this year it will fall on February 19th and we will not have school on that day. George Washington was born on February 22, 1732, his home state was Virginia and he was neither Republican or Democrat, he was what is called an Independent. He was best known as

the Father of our Country because he was the first president; he died on December 14, 1799 at the age of 67.

Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809, his home state was Illinois and he was from the Republican Party. He was best known as "Honest Abe" because he could not tell a lie. He was the first president to be assassinated, and was shot on April 15, 1865 by a terrible man named John Wilkes Booth. Mr. Lincoln was only 56 when he died.



Winter Safety Tips - by: Jshawn

Here are a few tips to ensure a safe Winter:

- * Never play outside alone. Always make sure a buddy is with you, especially when playing in the snow.
- * Go indoors frequently to warm up. Have a hot drink and a snack.
- * Always wear scarves, hats, and mittens to protect from frostbite.
- * Though it's not hot out, the sun can still cause sunburn. Make sure you wear sunscreen whenever you're outside.
- * Wear layers to stay warm. If you feel too warm, remove only one layer at a time until you feel comfortable.
- * Wear bright colors that will help you stand out in snowy landscapes.

"Always wear scarves, hats and mittens to protect you from frostbite."

Good Eats Corner

Super Bowl Meatballs

- * 2-lbs frozen beef meatballs
- * 1 jar (12oz) grape jelly
- * 1 bottle (12oz) chili sauce

Instructions:

1. Bake meatballs as directed on bag (160) internal temperature

2. Bring jelly and chili sauce to a low boil on medium heat stirring occasionally

3. Add meatballs to sauce and coat evenly. Meatballs may be transferred to a slow cooker set to warm.

4. May be served on rolls as a main course or as an appetizer served on toothpicks



Winter Wise-cracks

What do snowmen like to eat for breakfast?



Frosted flakes



What do you call a snowman in the Summer?

A puddle



Where do snowmen keep their money?

In a snow bank.



Winter



Find and circle all of the Winter related words that are hidden in the grid.

The remaining letters spell a Japanese proverb.

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BLACK ICE
 BLIZZARD
 BOOTS
 CARNIVAL
 CHRISTMAS
 COLD
 EGG NOG
 FIREPLACE
 FIREWOOD
 FOG
 FREEZE
 FROST
 GLOVES

HAIL
 HEADBAND
 HIBERNATION
 HOCKEY
 HOLIDAYS
 ICE FISHING
 ICICLES
 KNIT CAP
 LONG UNDERWEAR
 MITTENS
 OLYMPICS
 PARKA
 SCARF

SEASON
 SKATES
 SKI DOO
 SKI PANTS
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 SLED
 SLEET
 SLIPPERY
 SNOW CASTLE
 SNOW PLOW
 SNOW SHOVEL
 SNOW TIRES
 SNOWBALL

SNOWBOARD
 SNOWFLAKE
 SNOWMAN
 SNOWSHOES
 SOLSTICE
 SOUP
 STEW
 STORM
 SWEATSHIRT
 TOBOGGAN
 VACATION
 WIND CHILL
 WOOL
 SOCKS

Rhyme Time

Five Little

Snowflakes

One little snowflake with nothing to do,

Along came another, and then there were two.

Two little snowflakes laughing with me.

Along came another, and then there were three.

Three little snowflakes looking for some more.

Along came another, and then there were four.

Four little snowflakes dancing a jive.

Along came another, and then there were five.

Five little snowflakes having so much fun!

Out came the sun and then there were none!

