



*Lincoln*



*Washington*



*Roosevelt*



*Kennedy*



*Jefferson*



Dear Families,

February 1, 2010

Can you guess what we will be studying during our Big Book sessions this month? Yes, since we celebrate two presidents' birthdays in the month of February, we thought it would be a good time to introduce the theme to our students. We have touched on various presidents in the past, especially when Obama was elected into office. However, we will be looking a little more in depth to some of our more influential and popular presidents

We had lots of fun studying inventors. We actually ran out of time! We wanted to touch on Ford and the invention of cars and finish with Rube Goldberg, but time absolutely flew by. We did send some kites home that were printed with potato stamps in honor of Ben Franklin and his skills with the printing press and his kite flying experiment. We even saw his wonderful invention the glass armonica and then repeated some of the sounds by rubbing our wet fingers over various glassware. We even tried listening to voices by using the old tin can telephone trick. In respect to the Wright brothers, they made various paper airplanes and flew them in the classroom. We did take a one day break to read and learn about Martin Luther King. We really had lots of fun learning.

Since February is a short month, I don't expect to have our students learn about each president. And we do have Valentine's Day. Many of you will receive classroom lists from your child's general education teacher. Don't be daunted by the task! The easiest route is to have your student sign his/her name inside the card and leave the envelope blank.

We recently received some donations of items that will fit nicely with our our presidential theme. We really appreciate them! If anyone wishes to join us for any of our Big Books, please feel free to contact us and we'll let you know what activity we will be doing for that day!

Sincerely,  
Heidi, Julie and Katie!