



Hello Everyone!

January 2010

We hope everyone had a good holiday season. Although, celebrating is fun, it is good to get back to our routine. Our students have returned and seem like they are ready to dig in and work!

Our classroom has already begun our new Big Book theme... Inventions and inventors. We started with some brain storming and I was quite pleased that one of our students decided to think out of the "box" and offered the aerosol can as an example of an invention. What a great suggestion to add to our chart paper list.

Since we tend to take the telephone for granted, especially with all our cell phone technology, I thought it would be interesting to start with this as our first invention along with learning about the trials and tribulations of Alexander Graham Bell. Not only will our students read and learn about him, but I want them to understand the basic concept by having them make the old tin can and string telephones.

Next we will delve into Benjamin Franklin. All of our students are familiar with this gentleman from past lessons. If anyone has any information, books or movies related to inventors and inventions and you would like to share them, we more than welcome your assistance.

We will end our Big Book for this month with a brief study of Rube Goldberg and his wonderful interesting and eccentric designs. Hopefully we will be able to have our students develop their own prototype in a simpler format!

Sincerely,  
Heidi, Julie and Katie!

