Off The Shelf

February

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We hope you enjoy our newsletter!

Let's make 2021 your best reading year ever.

It doesn't have to feel like a chore! In fact, reading is the **ultimate self-care.**

If you've struggled to fit reading into your life, one simple shift can help you make it a habit:

And it doesn't have to feel like work.

And there are so many reasons you should read!

- Potential longer lifespan
- Improved memory
- Improved IQ and
- Increased empathy
- Improved critical thinking
- Reduced anxiety

February Themes

- **Super Bowl** is the 1st Sunday in February
- February is **Black History** Month
- **Teeth** – February is Dental Health Month
- **Groundhog Day** is February 2nd
- **Chinese New Year** - February 12th—Year of the Ox
- **Valentine's Day** is February 14th
- **Presidents' Day** is the 3rd Monday in February

YDL February Events

February Recipes
Link to recipes

WORLD READ ALOUD DAY

Link to:
February, 20201 Daily Holidays, Special and Wacky Days:

Library Lovers' Month

Stop hugging that library. No wait, my mistake, I forgot that it's Library Lovers Month- and it seems to have come at just the right time as many local libraries are struggling during the economic downturn. So why love your local library?

It's important to understand that not everything is available on the internet, libraries can have vast digital stores of qualitative and quantitative information escaping from opinion led snippets and snapshots from online. There may be some crossover of information but in most cases libraries are a much more economically viable solution when looking for information than the internet.

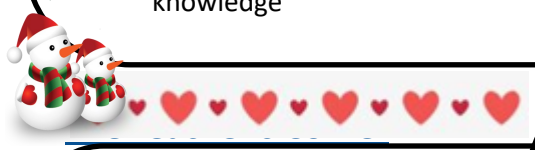
Libraries are a sanctuary away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life; they offer security and peace and quiet. They are also a place where you can focus surrounded by like-minded people with the desire to acquire knowledge

33 Black History Month Activities for February and Beyond

Honor our shared history with activities for the entire classroom

Black history is American history, but Black History Month provides the necessary opportunity to dig deeper.
Every February, we can support students as they learn more, discover cultural impacts, and follow movements through to the present day.

Link to the 33 activities:



If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.—*Marcus Tullius Cicero*

FEBRUARY

"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home."

- Edith Sitwell

Monthly Character Theme

"Fairness"

- Treat people the way you want to be treated.
- Take turns.
- Play by the rules.
- Think about how your actions will affect others.
- Listen to people with an open mind.

Technology Ideas

5 Extension that make GC Awesome Videos, Lessons and More
5 Extensions Link

Book Creator Remote book creator—Book Creator Link - Link to video tutorial

Online Teaching Ideas for ESL Learn-ers
Link to ESL learners video

Padlet
Padlet Link - How to do video — Ways to us Padlet

YCS Friday Program

Students will respond to the equity prompts and questions, participate in equity panels, listen to monthly speakers, create PSA short videos, work with other youth around topics cultural differences that will allow them to do a quick write as well as create a 2 to 5-minute video clip that will be placed in the Stories from our YCS Freedom Dreamers website that will be created from the various projects. For others to learn about their greatness.

Link to more information.

February BUCKET LIST

- eat lots of chocolate
- pass 5 love notes
- enjoy a movie night
- plan a weekend at a nearby city
- make a special meal for your loved ones
- enjoy a winter festival

celebrate where you live & where life takes you!

TandemForTwo.com

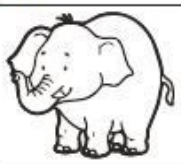
I See a Little Groundhog

tune of I'm a Little Teapot

I see a little groundhog, furry and brown,
He's popping up to look around.
If he sees his shadow, down he'll go.
Six more weeks of winter - oh, no!

Happy Valentine's Day

February Writing Prompts

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 February is National Dental Health Month. Why is it important to take care of your teeth?	2 Today is Groundhog Day! Write a funny story about a groundhog that doesn't want to come out of its burrow.	3 I really wish I were still young enough to…	4 Describe the weather today. How does it make you feel?	5 If you could start a charity organization, who would it benefit and why?	6 Describe the most important invention in your lifetime and why you think it is important.	7 Imagine you had a substitute teacher today. Explain what he or she needs to know about your class.
8 I feel exhausted when I have spent the day…	9 When I was little, my favorite movie was _____, because…	10 Would you rather celebrate your birthday by having a party with friends or taking a vacation with family? Explain.	11 Who is your favorite superhero? What qualities does that person have that you admire?	12 It's "Honest Abe" Lincoln's birthday. Do you think it's important for a president to be honest? Why?	13 Make a list of five healthy snacks you could pack in your lunch box.	14 Write a valentine to someone in your family telling why that person is special to you.
15 Thomas Edison was born in February. What contributions do inventors like Thomas Edison make toward society?	16 Did you send any valentines on Valentine's Day? Why or why not?	17 Write a funny story about a hibernating bear that couldn't get to sleep.	18 How would you feel if you were not allowed to get an education? What would you do?	19 Explain why you think some people can do handstands and others cannot.	20 Today is Presidents' Day. Which president would you most like to meet and why?	21 When I see snow, it makes me think of…
22 One classmate I would like to become better friends with is _____, because…	23 Sometimes I wish I were tall enough to…	24 If you could speak to the president of the United States, what are three things you would ask him to do for the country?	25 Make a list of three things you can do to challenge yourself during the second half of this school year.	26 Think of three skills that you have. If you were a grown-up, how could you use these skills to earn a living?	27 If you could have any animal for a pet, what would it be and why?	28 Describe your favorite memory of winter.
		Click on calendar to download				

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[Presidents Day fun at the libraries and at home]