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## At Home Learning Menu

Month: JANUARY

Monthly Research	Reading/ Writing	Math				
Martin Luther King, Jr., a great American civil rights leader, was born on the 15th of this month. His focus was on justice for all, and his work was through nonviolent means. Do some thoughtful investigation of these questions and share your findings in two to three paragraphs: What are civil rights? Who inspired King to use non-violence? What is justice? Freedom? Where else in the world has non-violence led to change? What evidence do you see that people have embraced some of Dr. King's message and work here in the U.S. in 2017? What changes still need to come about for the U.S. to live up to the standard of "liberty and justice for all"?	Write a letter to your grandparents, aunts, uncles or cousins. Tell them about your life as a fourth grader. Ask them questions about what life was like for them when they were your age. Address an envelope and mail it, even if you choose to type the letter. Maybe they will write you back!	Make a board game to practice your multiplication and division facts. Write up the rules for your game and type them up. Create the board, game cards and game pieces. Color it and make it attractive. Challenge your family members to a game.  Extra challenge: Create a container to hold your game. Design the cover/packaging. Then create an advertisement to sell your game.				
NFL football winds down in January with playoffs leading to the Superbowl. Find out which four teams earn a place in both the NFC and AFC <u>championship games</u> . Create a playoff bracket that shows who each team defeated in the playoffs, and which two teams move on to the Super Bowl in February. Also include who is favored to win the Superbowl and who you are rooting for in this gridiron contest.	Create a <b>digital comic strip</b> using the website storyboardthat.com to illustrate your understanding of a book you read. Retell important events from the book through images and captions. Share your comic with classmates during library book review time.	Write the numbers one through twenty in WORD FORM. Then highlight the numbers whose letters are in alphabetical order. Example: "five" has "fiv" in alphabetical order, but not "e".  Do this twice, once in print and again in cursive.				
January is <b>Autism Awareness Month</b> . Research autism and sharing your learning in two to three paragraphs. Here are some questions you may consider when researching: What is autism? How does it affect a person? Are there different degrees of autism (mild, severe, low, high)? When does it show up in a person's life? Does autism affect how long a person lives? Are certain people more likely to have autism? Is it genetically linked? In schools, what are some things done to help children with autism be successful learners?	Research a topic you don't already know much about. Use at least 3 different sources to collect your information (books, internet, magazines, interviews, etc.) and use them all in your final research paper. Try to include pictures or diagrams, captions, and a glossary or "word bank" for your readers to better understand your research topic.	Fraction Action: Create a paper pizza with your choice of art supplies. Design it to have at least 6 slices and at least 3 different toppings. Write an "answer key" that represents at least 5 different fractions using different toppings. For example, ¾ of the toppings on each slice are mushrooms, or ½ of the pizza has cheese and pepperoni. Extra challenge: Write word problems for someone to solve for those answers in your answer key.				