

America week



The learning objectives for this week are:

- Celebrating presidents day
- Learn that presidents lead the United States of America and the names of two Presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln
- Learn that Lincoln is on the penny and Washington is on the quarter and dollar
- Exploring nat. monuments, symbols, and us geography

Sensory & Fine Motor Skills

- Red, white, and blue water beads hiding America Toob pieces (and free matching flashcards found here):- <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/American-Symbols-Cards-2105936>
- President's Day mobile (<http://tipjunkie.com/presidents-day/>)
- Matching game with the US president's printable cards- I only did the most popular ones (<http://tipjunkie.com/kids-activities-for-presidents-day/>)
- Pom pom flag- <http://www.themomentsathome.com/red-white-blue-preschool-craft-flag/>

Math Element

- Coin sorting/probability flipping- <http://fun-a-day.com/sorting-coins/>
- Coin book- http://1stgradepandamania.blogspot.com/2016_01_01_archive.html?m=1
- Money sorting and counting activity (<http://fun-a-day.com/sorting-coins/>)- we added dollars and all coins to the activity and matched them to pictures of presidents. Then, we counted the quarters, pennies, and dollars

Literacy Element

- Writing with a feather pen
- Star tracing- <https://www.myteachingstation.com/learning-shapes-color-trace-connect-and-draw-a-star>
- Washington and Lincoln letter tracing (<http://www.mpmschoolsupplies.com/ideas/4472/3-simple-tracing-worksheets-for-presidents-day/>)

Science Element

- Cleaning pennies with vinegar and salt-
http://thehappyhousewife.com/homeschool/penny-cleaning-experiment/#_a5y_p=3332323
- Trying to engineer a “log cabin” out of pretzels and graham crackers. While I advise talking about how the house might stand up, I also recommend letting your child do it themselves and get creative! (see snack section)

Arts & Crafts

- Lady liberty dress-up costume: old sheet for dress, foam craft store princess crown painted green, torch: <https://www.ohmy-creative.com/kids-crafts/glowing-tea-light-olympic-torch/>
- Flag- <http://www.housingaforest.com/simple-american-flag-craft-for-kids/>
- Coin tracing to form Mount Rushmore
- Playdoh Rushmore sculpture
- President's Day mask activity (https://www.sightandsoundreading.com/presidents-day-activities-kids/?utm_source=MadMimi&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Presidents+Day+and+Dr+Seuss+Fun!&utm_campaign=20160210_m129740020_Presidents+Day+and+Dr+Seuss+Fun!&utm_term=Presidents+Day+Crafts+and+Activities+for+Kids)
- Abraham Lincoln coloring page (<http://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/us-president-abraham-lincoln-coloring-page/>)
- George Washington coloring page (<http://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/us-president-george-washington-coloring-page/>)

Music & Movement

- Yankee Doodle
- You're a Grand Ole Flag
- God Bless America
- National Anthem
- My Country Tis of Thee
- This Land is Your Land

Books to Read

- F is for Flag by Wendy Cheyette Lewison
- Pledge of Allegiance by Francis R Bellamy
- America Is by Louise Borden

- President's Day by Anne Rockwell
- How to Bake an American Pie by Karma Wilsh <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oG-jJsAXoNkon>

Shows & Movies

- Liberty Kids tv series
- Schoolhouse Rock
- President's Day Lego video
(<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/484348134911193877/>)
- President's Day Videos for kids (<http://www.simplykinder.com/presidents-day-videos/>)

Places and Experiences

- Colonial Williamsburg, VA
- Go visit Roosevelt's Little White House Historic Site in Warm Springs, GA

Snacks

- States Snack Geography - <http://graspingforobjectivity.com/2009/07/geography-pre-k-style.html/>
- Snack Abraham Lincoln's Log Cabin (<http://tipjunkie.com/presidents-day/>) - build his log cabin using pretzels, graham crackers, and peanut butter

Miscellaneous

- Practice saying the pledge of allegiance each morning
- President sticker book - https://www.amazon.com/Ultimate-Sticker-Book-Presidents-Books/dp/0756668883/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1496977935&sr=8-1&keywords=president+sticker+book