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Curriculum Study and Focus Areas for February, 2018

Study: World Cultures/Dr. Seuss - First Floor Children

World Cultures/Dr. Seuss— Second Floor Children

World Cultures/Languages—School-Age Children

Domain: Cognition/General Knowledge— First and Second Floor

Content Area: Global Learning—School-Age Children

Color: Pink

Shape: Circle

Letters: V, E, L, O, K, A

Bible Focus: Jesus Cares for Everyone

Winter Checkpoint 2/14/2018

2nd Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Feb. 21 and 22

2nd class in the Baby Bosses Series - Held at the TenderCare building 5229 W. Capitol Dr.

February 21, 2018

4:00-6:00 PM

Class 2: Education Without Application

In this class parents will be equipped with BIG thinking for their baby bosses.

Professional teachers discussing budgeting and saving

Credit Union vs. Banks and how to teach their children to save

Mark your calendars for the 3rd class in the series on March 28 from 4-6 pm

SAVE THE DATE

**COMING
UP**

Literacy Corner—February—Celebrating World Cultures

Follow the Drinking Gourd—Jeanette Winter

D is for Dancing Dragon—Carol Crane

Whoever You Are—Mem Fox

All the Colors of Earth—Shelia Hamanaka

A South African Night—Rachel Isadora

LalaSalama: A Tanzanian Lullaby—Patricia Maclachlan

Mama's Saris—Pooja Makhijani

Somewhere in the World Right Now—Stacey Schuett

Elizabeti's School—Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen



Harriet Tubman helped to create and operate the Underground Railroad that slaves followed to find their way to freedom. Relying on a network of secret meeting places, slaves were able to cross over to safer territories. Yet navigation was tough, and they relied on the stars to help them find their way. For the most part The North Star and the constellation of the Big Dipper were their guiding lights, and they referred to them collectively as the Drinking Gourd.

In this craft your child will create her/his own Drinking Gourd to hang in the window.



What You Need:

- Black sheet of paper
- Hole punch
- Tape
- Window pane
- Picture of the Big Dipper or "The Drinking Gourd"

What You Do:

1. Explain the story of the Drinking Gourd to your child and its importance in helping to direct the fleeing slaves to freedom. Then ask her/him to take a look at the picture of what this constellation looks like and remember it.
2. Ask him /her to then take a sheet of black paper, which will represent the night sky, and help her punch out holes, representing the stars. Start with the "handle" of the gourd.
3. Once your child has fully punched out her/his representation of the Drinking Gourd, help her tape this sheet of paper up to a window pane.
4. When night falls, watch as the moonlight filters through the holes casting the light of little star holes through the black paper. Ask your child to envision herself as a runaway slave looking to these very same stars for guidance. You may also then want to take your child outside and see if the two of you can spot the true Drinking Gourd up in the night sky.

The Drinking Gourd Song:

Verse 1

When the Sun comes back and the first quail calls
 Follow the Drinking Gourd,
 For the old man is a-waiting for to carry you to freedom
 If you follow the Drinking Gourd.

Follow the drinking gourd! **Chorus**

Follow the drinking gourd.
 For the old man is a-waiting for to carry you to freedom
 If you follow the drinking gourd.

Verse 2

The riverbank makes a very good road.
 The dead trees will show you the way.
 Left foot, peg foot, traveling on,
 Follow the Drinking Gourd.

Chorus

Verse 3

The river ends between two hills
 Follow the Drinking Gourd.
 There's another river on the other side
 Follow the Drinking Gourd.

Chorus

Verse 4

When the great big river meets the little river
 Follow the Drinking Gourd.
 For the old man is a-waiting for to carry to freedom
 If you follow the Drinking Gourd.

Verse 1

Taken together, this verse suggests escaping in the spring and heading North to freedom.

Refers to the winter or spring. The days are getting longer, and the angle of the sun is higher each day at noon.

Refers to the breeding season. Quail in Alabama start calling to each other in early to mid-April.

"Old man" is nautical slang for "Captain" (or "Commanding Officer.") the Underground Railroad operative Peg Leg Joe was formerly a sailor.

Verse 2

Describes how to follow the route, from Mobile, Alabama north. The first river in the song is the Tombigbee, which empties into Mobile Bay. Its headwaters extend into north-eastern Mississippi.

Verse 3

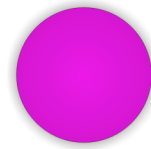
Describes the route through northeastern Mississippi and into Tennessee. The headwaters of the Tombigbee River end near Woodall Mountain, the high point in Mississippi and an ideal reference point for a map song. The "two hills" could mean Woodall Mountain and a neighboring lower hill. But the mountain itself evidently has a twin cone profile and so could represent both hills at once. The river on the other side of the hills is the Tennessee, which extends outward in an arc above Woodall Mountain. The left-hand side proceeds virtually due north to the Ohio river border with Illinois – definitely the preferred route, since the right hand side meanders back into northern Alabama and then proceeds up into Tennessee.

Verse 4

Describes the end of the route, in Paducah, Kentucky. When the Tennessee meets the Ohio River. The Tennessee and Ohio rivers come together in Paducah, KY, opposite southern Illinois. the runaways would be met on the banks of the Ohio by the old sailor. Of course, the chances that Peg Leg Joe himself would be there to meet every escapee are quite small.



February 2018 TenderTimes Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 National Freedom Day EBT DAY Remember to Transfer child care money	2 Child Care Payments due 	3. 1st Soft Landing on the moon
4 Rosa Park's Birthday Civil Rights Icon	5 Hank Aaron's Birthday Baseball Player	6 Bob Marley's Birthday Musician	7 Chapel 10:30 Ms. Tiera's Birthday 	8 Justine Ford's Birthday Doctor and Humanitarian	9 Child Care Payments due	10 Ms. Kimberly's Birthday
11 Daniel Chappie James' Birthday General	12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday 	13 Emmett J. Scott's Birthday Historian	14 Chapel 10:30 Valentine's Day Fredrick Douglas' Birthday Abolitionist	15 Fay Jackson's Birthday Journalist	16 Child Care Payments due Levar Burton Birthday Actor	17 Michael Jordan's Birthday Basketball Player
18 Toni Morrison's Birthday Author, Nobel Prize Winner	19 Smokey Robinson Singer Birth-day	20 Charles Barkley Basketball Player Birthday	21 Chapel 10:30 Denise Page Hood U.S. Judge Birthday	22 Julius "Dr. J" Erving's Birthday Basketball Player	23 Child Care Payments due W.E. Burghardt Du Bois - Civil Rights Leader B'day	24 Lillie Brown's Birthday Civil Rights Activist
25 Ida Cox's Birthday Jazz Singer	26 Sissieretta Jones' Birth-day Opera Singer	27 Marian Anderson's Birthday Opera Singer	28 Chapel 10:30 Etta Moten Barnett's Birthday Singer and Actress	Children's Dental Health Month 	National Snack Food Month 	American Heart Month