











FEBRUARY READING CALENDAR 2007



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	EXTRA EXTRA! Newspaper Helps Reading!				1 February is Black History Month. Read an African American Newspaper http://www.jacksonvillefreepress.com/	2 Groundhog Day. Did you see its shadow? Are we going to have six more weeks of winter? Read weather outlook.	3 “The day the music died.” Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and Big Bopper died in a plane crash 1959. Write your own news story.
4 Charles Lindbergh 1902-1974. Dan Quayle 1947. Use this calendar to learn new ways to use the newspaper to read, talk and think.	5 Begin the day with the newspaper, and increase your awareness of people, places, things and events.	6 Babe Ruth 1895-1948. Follow your team’s record n the sports page. 	7 Charles Dickens 1812-1870. Read aloud a short article about a local event or organization. Retell the story in your own words.	8 Boy Scouts 1910-. 	9 First printing press, 1421. Use newspaper to make a scrapbook. 	10 Crime Prevention Week. Read and discuss the newspaper’s police report.	
11 Thomas Edison 1847-1931. Choose a comic you enjoy. Cut out the captions and write or dictate new ones.	12 Abraham Lincoln 1809-1865. Charles Darwin 1809-1882. Try a new newspaper you have never read. Kids who read succeed.	13 First public school in America: anniversary, Boston 1635. Do an extra credit oral report on an interesting story from the newspaper.	14 Valentine’s Day. 	15 Susan B. Anthony 1820-1906. Compile stories about significant women in the news. Use an almanac or encyclopedia.	16 Dinosaur Day. How many different dinosaurs can you name? 	17 International Friendship Week. Write a note to a classmate. Start a play post office in your school.	
18 Get into the daily newspaper habit. http://www.timeforkids.com/ 	19 How many names of U.S. presidents can you name and spell? 	20 Show pictures from the newspaper, but remove captions. Dictate or write one caption for each of several pictures.	21 Ash Wednesday. Malcolm X assassinated, 1965. Use Wikipedia ,the online encyclopedia to learn about holidays, people and events.	22 Make word flash cards out of newspaper ads Drill and practice matching picture with the word.	23 “Remember the Alamo”, 1836. Plan a regular time for reading the newspaper. Read aloud articles to your parents that interest you.	24 When the newspaper includes a regular feature for kids, watch for it and read it with your friends.	
25 Kids can create a cartoon sequence using their favorite cartoon characters. Write or dictate a script to go along with the drawings.	26 Buffalo Bill Cody, 1846-1917. Read coming events calendars and share information on school news, athletics, plays, concerts, lunch menus, etc.	27 Use an atlas and sports page. Find where the different teams are located. For example, where are the Florida Gators to be found?	28 Discuss the many purposes for reading the newspaper—to learn something new, to check the weather, and to plan thrifty shopping. 