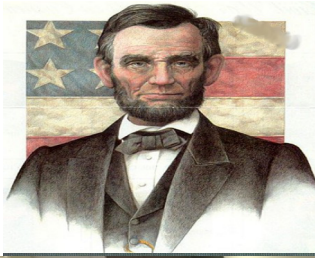


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Moments

Pill Hill is excited about celebrating Martin Luther King's Birthday by sharing cupcakes and listening to his speeches. We are also partnering with St Albie's grammar school. As their 6th graders come in and read stories to our preschoolers.

Near the Pier eagerly awaits author, Veronica Appleton. She will read her book "Journey to Appleville"

West Austin is excited to participate in the Black History Program, "Need Freedom" with their Premier Childcare Centers sister schools.

East side is excited about the upcoming month of February, in which we will concentrate on teaching our children about African-American culture and heritage. It is very important for our children to be exposed to multi-cultures, so that they can learn to celebrate each culture's similarities, while learning to respect each culture's differences.

Poem of the Month

*Thirty Days hath September-Mother
Goose*

**Thirty days hath September,
April, June and November;
February has twenty-eight alone
All the rest have thirty-one
Except in Leap Year, that's the
time
When February's Days are
twenty-nine**

Highlights

February is the shortest month of the year. It is the third month of winter. The month is named for the Latin word februum which means purification. The largest American sporting event of the year, the Super Bowl, is held in February.

Also in February, we honor the memory of two of the most famous presidents of our nation, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. February is also the month that we celebrate Black History, even though we at Premier Childcare Center celebrate and honor Black History all year long. Finally, in the month of February, we celebrate, "Love". The Premier Childcare Centers look forward to seeing the creativity of staff and students, as they make and send their Valentine Cards.

Preparing

College- Bound

Front and Center

"This month's Front and Center section is devoted entirely to a specific staff member, Ms. Darrina Mines from Near the Pier Center: This year marks my eleventh year with Near the Pier center. I have been fortunate and blessed to teach alongside some EXTRODINARY people. As a mother of three AWESOME children, I realize how important their early years are, and the positive impact I can have on their growth during this time. When I was a child, my mother always encouraged me to be creative. As a child my favorite book was, *The Seven Chinese Brothers*. This book taught me that every gift and talent is special. It is an absolute pleasure for me to care for each child that I come across with the same nurturing spirit I have for my own children. I get so excited to begin each new school year with experimenting fun ways to encourage children to exercise healthy learning habits".