Dear Parents,

We are VERY excited to launch, next Wednesday, our Third Grade Winter Research Project. This year’s theme is African American Leaders. African Americans have played a vital role in the shaping of American history. The conceptual goal of this research project is to convey to the children the achievements and contributions of America’s noted African American leaders, inventors, educators, artists, scientists, entrepreneurs, entertainers and sports figures. The actual format of the research might be anything from a traditional written paper or a letter to a game or brochure.

The children will present their research in February to a wider audience to celebrate African American History Month.

Your child will be given the opportunity to choose the person whom they wish to study. Over the weekend, please discuss and, do some initial investigation with your child, into the following African American Leaders. Then fill out and return the section below:

**Example**:

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| Choice: | Name of Leader | Category | Comments |
| First | *Rosa Parks* | *Civil Rights* | *She’s my favorite because my grandpa knew her!* |
| Second | *Ernie Davis* | *Sports* | *He’d be fun, too, because I LOVE football!* |
| Third | *Nina Simone* | *Arts/Music* | *I like her music, so she might be fun to research.* |

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War and Civil Rights History

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| American Revolution | Civil War Era | World War I | World War II | Civil Rights Era |
| Crispus AttucksBlack Minutemen of MassachusettsJames Armistead | Frederic DouglasNat TurnerHarriet TubmanDred ScottIda B. WellsSojourner Truth54th Regiment Massachusetts  | 369th Infantry(Harlem Hellfighters) | Tuskegee Airmen[761st Tank Battalion](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/761st_Tank_Battalion_%28United_States%29)  | Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.Coretta Scott KingRuby BridgesMalcolm X.Rosa ParksCharles Hamilton HoustonAngela Davis |

Sports

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Basketball | Baseball | Football | Tennis | Gymnastics | Track and Field | Boxing |
| LeBron JamesMichael JordanMagic JohnsonTim DuncanKareem Abdul Jabbar | Jackie RobinsonHank Aaron | Tiki BarberErnie DavisJim Brown | Arthur AsheWilliams Sisters | Gabby Douglas | Jesse OwensWilma Rudolph | Mohammad Ali |

Arts and Entertainment

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| Music | Poetry and Literature | Journalism | Art | Film and Theater |
| Louis ArmstrongMichael JacksonAlicia KeysHarry BelafonteNina SimoneScott Joplin | Langston HughesJames BaldwinTony MorrisonMaya AngelouNikki GiovanniSusan King TaylorZora Neal HurstonGwendolyn Brookes | John H. JohnsonsW.E.B. DuBoisSoledad O’BrienOprah WinfreyEd Bradley | Jean-Michel BasquiatWalter EllisonJoshua Johnston | Paul RobesonJames Earl JonesGordon ParksDenzel WashingtonAlfre Woodard |

Science/Business/Politics/Education

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| Business | Science  | Education | Politics |
| Madam C.J. WalkerJohn H. JohnsonRussell SimmonsClara BrownOprah WinfreyBeyonce KnowlesUrsula BurnsCathy Hughes | George Washington CarverJames BanningJames WestGranville T. WoodsDr. Charles DrewMatthew HensonMae JemisonBessie Coleman | Booker T. WashingtonMary McCleod BethuneRuth Simmons | President ObamaMrs. ObamaRev. Jesse JacksonAdam Clayton Powell, Jr.Shirley ChisholmThurgood MarshallVernon JordanTim ScottKaren BassCondoleezza Rice |