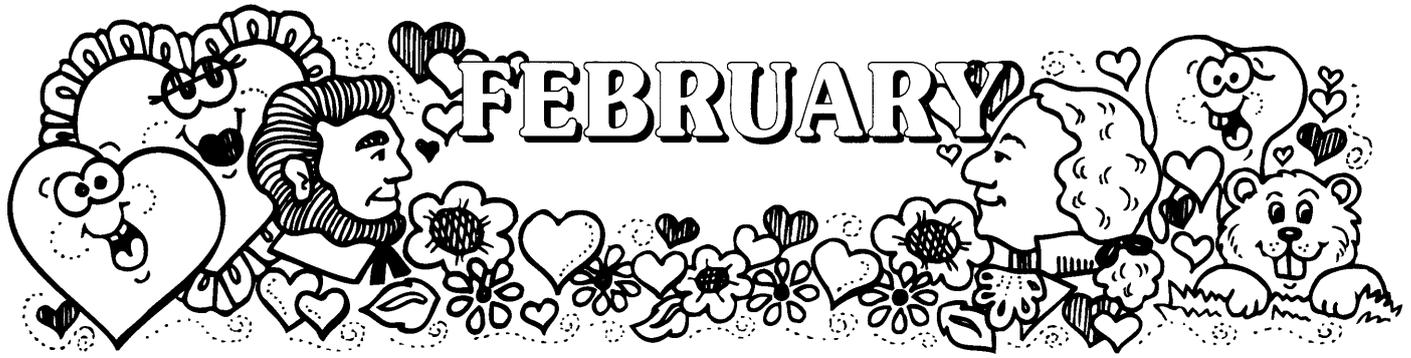


# Calendar

# February!





- 1<sup>ST</sup>** LANGSTON HUGHES, famous American black poet, was born on this day in 1902. (Find one of his poems in the school library and read it to your class.)
- 2<sup>ND</sup>** Today is GROUNDHOG DAY! (Tell your class the legend of the groundhog and its shadow. Ask students to bring in newspaper articles about the event.)
- 3<sup>RD</sup>** Famous American artist NORMAN ROCKWELL was born on this day in 1894. (Find a print of one of Mr. Rockwell's well-known paintings and have your students write a creative story about it.)
- 4<sup>TH</sup>** CHARLES LINDBERGH, the first person to make a solo non-stop flight across the Atlantic Ocean, was born on this day in 1902. (Ask your students to find out the name of Mr. Lindbergh's plane.)
- 5<sup>TH</sup>** "Home Run King" HANK AARON was born on this day in 1934. (Ask baseball fans to find out how many home runs he hit during his career.)
- 6<sup>TH</sup>** Today marks the birthdate of American President RONALD REAGAN in 1911. (Ask students to find out how old he is today.)
- 7<sup>TH</sup>** LAURA INGALLS WILDER, author of the "*Little House*" books, was born on this day in 1867. (Suggest these wonderful books to your students on your next library visit.)
- 8<sup>TH</sup>** The BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA were incorporated on this day in 1910. (Ask someone from the local Boy Scout office to visit your class and tell about the many programs offered for both boys and girls.)
- 9<sup>TH</sup>** The United States government established the NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE on this day in 1870. (Ask a group of students to research how weather forecasting has changed in the last one-hundred years.)
- 10<sup>TH</sup>** The first SINGING TELEGRAM was delivered in New York City on this day in 1933. (Ask students to write a funny singing telegram to the tune of a familiar song and sing it to the class.)

- 11<sup>TH</sup>** THOMAS ALVA EDISON, American inventor, was born on this day in 1847. (Have students research at least ten of his more than 1,100 inventions!)
- 12<sup>TH</sup>** ABRAHAM LINCOLN, 16th president of the United States, was born on this day in 1809. (Have students make “Penny Medallions” in celebration of this great man’s birthday.)
- 13<sup>TH</sup>** “THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE,” the first magazine in the United States, was published on this day in 1741. (Set up a magazine corner in your classroom that will appeal to a variety of interests.)
- 14<sup>TH</sup>** Today is ST. VALENTINE’S DAY! (Give someone a very special valentine by doing something especially nice for him or her.)
- 15<sup>TH</sup>** Today marks the birthdate of SUSAN B. ANTHONY, early women’s rights leader, in 1820. (Pass a Susan B. Anthony dollar around the class as you tell about this heroic woman.)
- 16<sup>TH</sup>** The first television news program was broadcast on this day in 1948. (Ask several students to role-play being “television newscasters.” Have them research current events and report their findings to the class.)
- 17<sup>TH</sup>** The Parent Teacher Association, P.T.A., was established on this day in 1897. (Your students might like to write a note to your school’s PTA board, thanking them for all their good work.)
- 18<sup>TH</sup>** The planet PLUTO was seen for the first time by astronomer Clyde Tombaugh in 1930. (Ask students to find out how far Pluto is from the sun.)
- 19<sup>TH</sup>** Polish astronomer NICHOLAUS COPERNICUS was born on this day in 1473. (Ask students to find out what he discovered about our solar system.)
- 20<sup>TH</sup>** United States astronaut JOHN GLENN became the first person to orbit the earth on this day in 1962. (Ask students to find out the name of his spacecraft.)
- 21<sup>ST</sup>** Today marks the birthdate of CESAR CHAVEZ, noted Mexican-American social activist who led the organization of the National Farm Workers Union. (Older students may wish to participate in a discussion about unions in the United States.)
- 22<sup>ND</sup>** GEORGE WASHINGTON, the first president of the United States was born on this day in 1732. (Have each child make a three-cornered hat to wear in celebration.)

- 23<sup>RD</sup>** German-English composer **GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL** was born on this day in 1685. (Find a recording of one of his great compositions and play it during silent reading time.)
- 24<sup>TH</sup>** Today is **MEXICAN FLAG DAY!** (Find a picture of the Mexican flag to display in your classroom today!)
- 25<sup>TH</sup>** The **RANGER**, the first United States aircraft carrier, was launched on this day in 1934. (Ask students to find out how large most aircraft carriers are and compare them to the size of your school's playground.)
- 26<sup>TH</sup>** Congress designated the **GRAND CANYON** as a National Park on this day in 1919. (Ask students to locate the Grand Canyon on the classroom map.)
- 27<sup>TH</sup>** Today marks the birthdate of **HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW**, author of "The Song of Hiawatha" and "Paul Revere's Ride." (Read one of these famous works to your class.)
- 28<sup>TH</sup>** The first gold-seekers arrived in San Francisco, California, marking the beginning of the **GOLDRUSH** in 1849. (Ask a student to locate San Francisco on the classroom map.)
- 29<sup>TH</sup>** Today is "LEAP YEAR," which occurs only every four years. (Ask students if they would like to have been born on February 29th.)

**Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) - Begins on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent, a forty day period of abstinence before Easter Sunday.**

**FEBRUARY IS ALSO.....**

**AFRICAN-AMERICAN MONTH**

**NATIONAL HEART MONTH**

**CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

**NATIONAL PATRIOTISM WEEK (Third Week of February)**

**BROTHERHOOD-SISTERHOOD WEEK (Third Week of February)**

**INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP WEEK (Fourth Week of February)**