

George Washington - February 22, 1732!

George Washington is known throughout American history as "The Father of Our Country." He was born on February 22, 1732 in Westmoreland County, Virginia. As a young man, Washington had a great interest in military history and geography. He became a surveyor at the age of seventeen. Washington played an important role during the French and Indian War. This experience later gave him the knowledge and insight to assist the fight for freedom during the American Revolution. Washington served as Commander in Chief of the Continental Armies. America won its independence from England with the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

George Washington was elected and served as the first president of the United States. His birthday was celebrated throughout our young country, even during his own lifetime. Today, we pay tribute to this great man on the third Monday in February.

The story of George Washington and his greatness is known throughout the world. The capital of the United States is honored with his name. In Washington, D.C., an inspiring monument stands, the symbol of reverence and affection for our first president. Washington is remembered in the hearts of all Americans as a man of honesty, strength and leadership.

"I CANNOT TELL A LIE!"

Tell your class the story of George Washington and his father's cherry tree. Stress the importance of George's refusal to tell a lie about what he had done.

Each child will enjoy wearing the "I cannot tell a lie!" button after taking a pledge to always tell the truth. This is a wonderful way to celebrate Washington's birthday.

