

Dear Parents,

Your child is required to do a research project on a famous African-American. The information for this project must be completed on a paper bag vest. For this research project, *to be completed at home*, your child will have to gather information, pertinent items, etc., and present this information to the entire class. Please assist your child but do not do the entire project for him/her. Your child should know the information on the vest because he/she will have to wear it and present the information to the entire class.

The purpose of this project is to have the children share information that they have gathered with one another. We will read stories and complete worksheets on some of these individuals. This project will also allow the students the opportunity to learn to communicate for a variety of purposes and to listen and speak effectively in a variety of situations.

This project will be about a famous African American in history. The students have drawn names of famous African Americans from a bag. The name your child has selected is attached to this page and has been recorded. The students will answer several questions by placing them in unique ways on their paper bag vests. The vests can be made from **LARGE PAPER BAGS** (Jewel, Dominick's, Ultra, etc.). Cut the bag up the center and make a hole for the neck and head at the bottom of the bag. At this time, you may want to turn the bag inside out so that the blank side may be used for the project. Then, cut holes in the sides so that your child can put his/her arms through. Now you are ready to begin. Please answer **ALL** of the questions in unique ways (i.e., pictures, drawings, magazine clippings, glitter, paint, feathers, etc.). **BE CREATIVE!** ALL of the questions must be answered, but feel free to add additional information if necessary. Use the entire vest. This project will be very informative for your child and his/her classmates. Most of all, **HAVE FUN** putting this together!

The questions to be answered are:

1. Who is your famous African American? (Their name and a picture must appear on the vest.)
2. Why is this person famous?
3. What significant events occurred in their life?
4. When were they born and when did they die (if deceased)?
5. Where were they born?
6. What can we do or do we do to honor/remember this person?