**The Heroes Project**

**Background:** In Social Studies are studying famous people who have made a difference in the world. We call those people our heroes because they have made a positive impact on the world. For example, Rosa Parks was a hero because she helped start the Civil Rights Movement. Amelia Earhart was the first woman to do a solo flight around the world (and was an inspiration to women around the world!). Abraham Lincoln helped end slavery. Gandhi helped bring peace to many places. All of these are just some examples of heroes who have changed the world.

**The Project:** For this project, each student will choose one famous hero to study. Each student will research his/her famous person and report their findings in two parts:

* **Part One**: Hero profile
* **Part Two**: Wax Museum Presentation

**Part One: Hero Profile:** The student will present the important biographical information in a “Hero Profile”. This can take the format of a poster board, scrapbook page or short book. The profile must include:

* Full name of hero
* Photo or drawing of the person
* Date of birth (and death if applicable)
* Where this person lived
* Three interesting facts about this person
* Description of how this person changed the world
* Explanation of why the student chose this person

Students will be given a research and planning sheet in order to make their profiles. This sheet will include all of the information that the student needs to research for the profile project. This sheet should be turned in with the final project and will be part of the final grade (see rubric on website).

**Part Two: Wax Museum:** On **Friday, March 10th at 8:45am**, we will have a Heroes Wax Museum in our classroom. This will be our First Grade Showcase morning. Each student will come dressed up as their famous person for the Wax Museum. Each student will prepare three sentences on note cards that explain who they are, why they are important and how they changed the world. They may use their profiles to write their note cards. Note cards should be written in 1st person, since students will be acting out their hero. Each student will then present their information dressed up in costume. Parents will be invited to attend the Wax Museum presentations. Costumes do not need to be extensive. If you need help with ideas or materials, please let me know.

**Due Dates:**   
The Wax Museum will be held on **Friday, March 10th at 8:45am** in the classroom.  
  
The Hero Profile will be due on **Monday, March 13th.**

Please remember that our homework is optional and students should use as much time as they need to work on the project (and not worry if they didn’t do their math homework).

**Choosing a Hero**

The hero may be an artist, musician, politician, poet, scientist, mathematician, writer, world leader, athlete or any other profession. When helping your child choose a hero, consider what interests your child may have. For example, if your child loves music, explore famous musicians. Here are some ideas for famous heroes who changed the world.

Examples of Heroes:

* Martin Luther King Jr.
* Albert Einstein
* Eleanor Roosevelt
* Amelia Earhart
* Nelson Mandela
* Abraham Lincoln
* Mahatma Gandhi
* Rosa Parks
* Joan of Arc
* Bill Gates
* Oprah Winfrey
* Beethoven
* John Lennon
* Queen Elizabeth
* Leonardo da Vinci

Other ideas may be found online at: <http://www.biographyonline.net/people/people-who-changed-world.html>  
Resources for research: We have several biographies in our library and in the school library. If you are looking for a particular person, email me and I will see if we have a biography on that person. There are also good online resources ([www.biography.com](http://www.biography.com)). Please let me know if you need research assistance.

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Project Planning and Research

Name of Hero: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Why did you choose this person? What did you like about them?

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\*\*\*Turn this sheet in with your Hero Profile Project.