

POWER LUNCH ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY

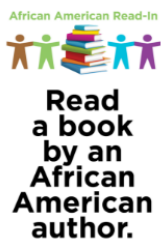
Fabulous February

February may be a short month, but it is long on opportunities for making reading and learning connections! Take advantage of these resources to engage your student in conversation, reflection, and reading fun.

Black History Month and the African American Read-In

Books are a great way to learn about the contributions of African Americans to the history, culture, and education of the United States. Be part of the [African-American Read-In](#) by giving special attention to titles written by Black authors that elevate Black experiences.

Look for the Power Lunch display of books for Black History Month or try these titles:



March (Books 1, 2, and 3) by John Lewis

Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis by Jabari Asim

One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance by Nikki Grimes

Through My Eyes by Ruby Bridges

Words Set Me Free: The Story of Young Frederick Douglass by Lesa Cline-Ransome

Firebird: Ballerina Misty Copeland Shows a Young Girl How to Dance Like the Firebird by Misty Copeland

Harlem's Little Blackbird by Renée Watson

Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans by Kadir Nelson

Rap a tap tap: Here's Bojangles--Think of That! by Leo Dillon

Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters by Barack Obama

Game Changers: The Story of Venus and Serena Williams by Lesa Cline-Ransome

Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History by Vashti Harrison

Remember that Black History Month is celebration of not just history but also of culture and experiences, which are reflected in picture books, chapter books, and poetry. Look for books that include contemporary stories. Black History Month is an opportunity to explore the connecting thread between struggles of the past and transformations of today.

Presidents Day

Originally created to honor George Washington (and officially still Washington's Birthday), Presidents Day now celebrates all our United States presidents throughout history. Look for the Power Lunch display of books for Presidents Day or try these [Presidential Reads](#).

Get your student thinking about what it means to be President. Ask: What does the president of the United States do? What are some of the responsibilities that come with the job of leading a country? Then give your student the chance to write about and what he or she might do if elected to lead the country! Use the **If I Were President** handout in the pages below or ask your school coordinator for a copy.

Days on the February Calendar to Explore:

[Black History Month](#)

February 1 [World Read Aloud Day](#)

February 5 [Lunar New Year](#)

Celebrate the Year of the Pig. Your school coordinator has a coloring sheet to share and you can explore titles like *Bringing in the New Year* by Grace Lin or *Sam and the Lucky Money* by Karen Chinn.

Or read a book about a pig! Try *Olivia* by Ian Falconer, *Mercy Watson* by Kate Dicamillo, or *Pigs* by Gail Gibbons.

February 18 [Presidents Day](#)



