



MARCH 2011 NEWSLETTER

TIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Teachers:

In 1987, March was declared Women's History Month by Congress! This month is a great time to learn about and celebrate the historic accomplishments of women throughout the ages.

Before 1970, women's history was rarely the subject of conversation or study. But now, most universities and colleges offer women's history courses and some even offer upper level degrees in this field.

Clink on the link to find a pdf about actress Hedy Lamarr's co-invention! In the 1940's it was called "frequency hopping". It is still used today, but in our high-tech world, her invention is now called "spread spectrum." www.educyberpg.com/pdf/womenmonth.pdf

Use March as an opportunity to bring some of these amazing women into your classroom! Have your students break into pairs and research some of the following categories:

- Women in Uniform
- Female Nobel Prize Laureates
- Women Scientists and Inventors
- Have them think of their own categories of interest

Teresa Funke's book *Dancing In Combat Boots* is a great way to bring 11 remarkable women into your classroom. This book is based on the stories of real women living during WWII. Or read *Doing My Part* this month as a class. Find out what Helen Marshall had to do, at 14 years old, to support her family during WWII.

Another fun activity would be to have the students interview some of the women in their lives to find out just how unique they are! Have a "Tea Party" and invite these women to come to your class. Your students could read the information they gathered about them.

Students:

Spring Break Fun

Kids in the 1940s didn't have cell phones, computers, TVs or Wii! Try it! Stop texting and put down your cell phone! Go outside and try a few these fun games while you have a week away from school! Play them with friends or grab your family and learn something new.

Skip Rope: All you need is a jump rope. Research different styles and songs that go along with skipping rope and chose the ones you like. If you are playing with friends, find one long rope with a person on each end, plus one person to jump.

Find a good place in your yard and learn to play Washers, Marbles or Horseshoes.

If your spring break ends up being cold...

Play Cards: All you need is one deck of cards to play old-fashioned games like Snap, Hearts, Spades and Go Fish. You'll learn logic and concentration along with having lots of fun!

Read A Book:

Teresa Funke's Home-Front Heroes Collection is a great Spring Break series! Learn about a very important time in history, but also that kids in the 1940s are just like kids now! They were very creative in finding ways to have fun!