

People Pioneering Progress

Early Elementary Must-Haves for January

MONDAY

Sprinkle these activities across the month using Teach Britannica's open-access downloads and Britannica School content.

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TUESDAY

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Jane Goodall's Dream

Have students describe Jane Goodall's dream of living in Africa and also reflect on their own dreams.

- [Jane Goodall article](#)
- [Lesson Mini: Activity 1](#)

2

Jane Goodall's Life

Have students summarize defining moments in Jane Goodall's Life and explain how her work contributes to our understanding of animals.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 2](#)

3

Jane Goodall and Chimpanzees

Have students describe how chimpanzees behave in their natural habitat by using key vocabulary words from an informational text.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 3](#)

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Exploring Space with Mae Jemison

Have students read about Mae Jemison to prepare for some fun activities this week, and support their learning with this instructional strategy.

- [Mae Jemison article](#)
- [Build a Summary instructional strategy](#)

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All About Astronauts

Have students explain what astronauts do and identify Mae Jemison as the first black woman to travel to space.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 1](#)

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Mae Jemison's Life in Pictures

Have students identify key facts about Mae Jemison's life and career and explain her significance as a pioneering astronaut.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 2](#)

9

Mae Jemison: An Astronaut in Training

Have students describe how astronaut Mae Jemison trained to go to space.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 3](#)

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Young Scientists Learn More!

Introduce students to diverse scientists through picture books and videos. Have them create "scientist self-portraits" of themselves doing experiments to see themselves in STEM roles.

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Meeting George Washington

Have students read about George Washington to prepare for some fun activities this week, and support their learning with this graphic organizer.

- [George Washington article](#)
- [Bubble Web Graphic Organizer](#)

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George Washington Glossary

Have students define and draw key vocabulary terms related to George Washington's life.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 1](#)

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Draw to Understand George Washington

Have students recall and draw key details about George Washington from an informational text.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 2](#)

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George Washington Timeline

Have students create a timeline of George Washington's life from an informational text.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 3](#)

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Library Visit

Ask your local library to organize books, songs, and activities highlighting George Washington, and then encourage them to explore books on him and other presidents.

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Exploring Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream

Have students read about Dr. King to prepare for some fun activities this week, and support their learning with this instructional strategy.

- [Martin Luther King Jr. article](#)
- [Draw to Understand instructional strategy](#)

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Our Kindness Chain: Learning from Martin Luther King Jr.

Have students identify ways to show kindness and fairness in their classroom, inspired by the message of Dr. King.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 1](#)

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Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dreams for Change

Have students discuss Martin Luther King Jr.'s dreams and define terms such as *boycott*, *march*, and *peaceful*.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 2](#)

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Martin Luther King Jr.'s Life and Hopes

Have students talk about Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and his important work.

- [Lesson Mini: Activity 3](#)

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Peace and Dreams Art

Invite students to draw their understanding of friendship by creating cards with peaceful messages for classmates. Display their artwork on a "Dream Wall" to promote school-wide kindness.

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Meeting Abraham Lincoln

Have students read about Abe Lincoln to prepare for some fun activities this week, and support their learning with this instructional strategy.

- [Abraham Lincoln article](#)
- [K-W-L instructional strategy](#)

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Looking for Abraham Lincoln

Have students explore images of Abraham Lincoln and support them as they explore our gallery!

- [Abraham Lincoln Image Search](#)
- [Analyzing Images instructional strategy](#)

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Classroom Learning

Have students create a class poster of Lincoln's helpful actions and add their own drawings of how they help others.

- [Abraham Lincoln Image Search](#)
- [Abraham Lincoln article](#)

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Museum Lincoln Detectives

Visit a museum or historical site, and provide students a scavenger hunt for items like Lincoln's top hat. Then, have them draw what they found and host a show-and-tell.

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Practice Like Abraham Lincoln!

Set up stations where students build log cabins, write by candlelight like he learned to, and draw hat-shaped stories about Lincoln.



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