Dear Parents,

Since February is Black History Month, our students will be assigned a biography project on a famous African American/important African American inventor. They received a list on Friday that they would have to choose from. I hope you all had a chance to go over the list to select their top 3 choices. I encouraged them to choose someone that they are not familiar with to make this a more worthwhile learning experience.

Students will be given a packet to help with outlining this project. Please be sure to encourage them to work on this piece by piece each night – do not wait until the last minute! Be sure to encourage them to write the information in their own words and not directly from their source. However, that may be a challenge, so they will need your help. This project may require taking trips to the library but here are some online sources that can help:

* <https://www.biography.com>
* <http://blackinventor.com>
* <https://www.infoplease.com/biographies-famous-african-americans>
* <http://www.greatblackheroes.com>
* <https://www.britannica.com/biographies>
* https://www.womenshistory.org

**This project will have two parts** – the **written report** and the **visual project**. The outline that they are given will not be counted as the report. The report must be handwritten or typed in paragraph form. The visual project should be on a poster between the size of 11x17 and 22x28. The visual project will be what they use to present their person. They do not need to include everything that is in their report, but should include information so that we all walk away with knowing who the person was and what they did.

For the report, they should make sure that the information is in logical order. Here is an outline that may help when writing the paper:

**Paragraph 1:** Introduce the person by telling the person’s name and why they are important. Try not to start with “My report is on…” Be creative! (This paragraph may be 2 sentences.)

**Paragraph 2:** This paragraph should include…

* Where and when was the person born?
* Where did this person grow up?
* What was their childhood like?

**Paragraph 3:** This paragraph should include…

* Why is this person famous?
* What did the person do to become famous?
* What obstacles did they face?
* How did this person make a difference?

**Paragraph 4:** This paragraph should include…

* Give some interesting facts about the person.
* A conclusion or wrap-up sentence.

The project, both the report and the poster are due **Monday, February 24, 2020**. Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing all of the projects!