



Dear Parents,

Today we begin a **genre study of biographies**. Your child is bringing home a picture book biography of a famous American. Please read this book to your child over the next week. Attached is a note-taking sheet for you to complete with your child. Inside the cover of the book are 4 sticky flags for you to mark information in your biography (see note-taking sheet). The note-taking and sticky flags will help the first graders learn about finding and siting information. The completed notes and biography book are due back at school **on Friday, Feb. 7th**.

While you are reading and learning about your famous American at home, we will be very busy discovering that writers of biographies make many choices when working on their books. We will notice the features of biographies, such as:

- Table of Contents
- Timelines
- Paintings & Photos
- Captions
- Titles & Subtitles
- Maps
- Labels
- Diagrams
- Bold-Face Words
- Glossary

Students will use their notes to write about their famous Americans. We will use our iPads and various apps to create timelines, photos with captions, maps and labels to incorporate features of biographies. All of our hard work will culminate into a wonderful book of Famous Americans.

This genre study will be a collaborative project: teacher, students, parents, Instructional Partner, Ed Techs, and Art teacher. I look forward to this learning experience.

Thank you,

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