

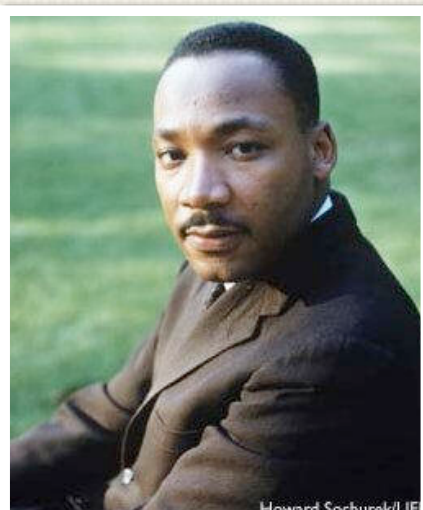
# THE GUMBO LIMBOS



The secret of good teaching is to regard the child's intelligence as a fertile field in which seeds may be sown, to grow under the heat of flaming imagination.

Maria Montessori

Martin Luther King Jr has been the topic of discussion during circle time. His poignant message continues to have a resounding effect on the children. The afternoon students have had the opportunity to watch Dr King give his famous speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. Ask your children about the speech and how they feel about civil rights and equality.



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### ***Baby steps to writing.***

Here are some ideas to reinforce writing at home:

Current research supports the idea that a child's ability to write often takes place prior to reading on the developmental scale. Children need encouragement for their approximations of writing, just as you gave them support when they learned to talk.

1. Encourage your child to write independently. Although your child's first approximations of print may not be readable to you, it's important to encourage him/her. Ask the child to explain what they have written.

2. Help your child make books. Simple booklets made of two sheets of paper stapled together and folded in half are ideal. Your child can add illustrations to accompany the written work

Encourage your child to spell words in their own way (inventive spelling). After

your child has finished have him/her read their story to you.

### ***And reading...***

I have distributed a list of sight words to the second and third year student's. Please practice the word's as they are an integral step towards reading with confidence. Once a child has command of the basic sight words we invariably see a marked increase in their reading skills.

**Sound of the Week: Kk**  
**Word of the week: Kelp**

Teaching tip: Teach the rule that you use "c" for a, o, and u vowel sounds and "k" for i and e vowel sounds because i and e make "c" say "s".