



# Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 15, 2007

## Newspaper Activities:

1. Find articles about Martin Luther King Jr. Design a classroom bulletin board using the items you found.
2. Find articles about the Martin Luther King Jr., holiday – the history of the holiday, when it was first celebrated, community celebration activities, etc.
3. Make a list of adjectives describing Martin Luther King Jr. Write a short story about him using as many of these adjectives as you can.
4. We remember Mr. King for his famous “I Have a Dream”, speech. Find excerpts of that speech in the paper, if you can. Have a classroom discussion about how many, if any of the dreams he had, have come true.
5. Discuss any political cartoons in the paper that refer to Martin Luther King, Jr. Hold a classroom discussion or write a brief explanation of the meaning of the cartoon.
6. Make a timeline of the major events of Martin Luther King Jr.’s life as outlined in newspaper articles.
7. Mr. King was known for his non-violent protests. He encouraged people to work together to accomplish great things through non-violent means. Find examples of community or individual issues currently being addressed by non-violent techniques. Examples could be community, city council or school board meetings.
8. Write a *Letter to the Editor* about your opinion of Martin Luther King Jr., the holiday celebrated in his honor, issues of injustice or inequality you are concerned with, or anything else that pertains to this holiday or to Martin Luther King Jr. Submit it for publication in the St. Joseph News-Press – PO Box 29, St. Joseph, MO 64502, attention Dennis Ellsworth, Executive Editor. Or, submit it (attention Diane Goold) as an entry in our *Express Your Opinion* contest, and maybe win a prize! Entry deadline is 3/09/07.

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