

Dear Parents,

Our unit of study in Social Studies is learning about Martin Luther King, Jr. We will discuss how Martin Luther King, Jr. was a Civil Rights leader and the difference he made for all Americans. This informational letter will help you understand what your child is learning so the content may be discussed at home throughout our study. Listed below is the Georgia Standards of Excellence for our unit. Also included is important vocabulary and examples of what we are learning about.

Happy Learning!

Second Grade Social Studies Teachers

Social Studies Standard:

Standard: SS2H1 Describe the lives and contributions of historical figures in Georgia history - Martin Luther King, Jr.

SS2CG3 Give examples of how the historical figures in SS2H1 demonstrate positive citizenship traits such as: honesty, dependability, trustworthiness, honor, civility, good sportsmanship, patience, and compassion

- **Where was MLK, Jr. born?** Atlanta, Georgia
- **What month was MLK, Jr. born?** January
- **What job did MLK, Jr. have after college?** a minister at a church
- **MLK, Jr. was a great civil rights leader. What are civil rights?** the rights that everyone should be treated fairly and equally
- **During MLK, Jr.'s time, whites and African Americans were segregated. What does segregation mean?** People are separated based on their race - skin color.
- **MLK, Jr. worked hard to end segregation. How did he try to end segregation?** He gave speeches and led peaceful marches and protests against segregation.
- **In the 1950's, African Americans had to sit in the back of the bus. Rosa Parks, an African American, was arrested since she refused to sit in the back of the bus. MLK, Jr. led the bus boycott to help change this law. What was the bus boycott?** The peaceful protest of African Americans to not ride the bus - they walked instead of riding the bus
- **Compassion is caring for others. How did MLK, Jr. show compassion?** He fought for equal rights for all people so everyone could be treated fairly.
- **Being determined is not giving up easily. How did MLK, Jr. show he had determination?** He never gave up even though some people did not like the changes he was trying to make, and sometimes he went to jail.
- **MLK, Jr. was a very good speaker. What is the name of his famous speech he gave in Washington, D. C.?** I Have a Dream speech
- **What was MLK, Jr.'s dream?** He wanted equal rights for all people no matter what the skin color was
- **MLK, Jr. encouraged people to use peaceful ways to solve problems. What award did MLK, Jr. win in 1964 for his work in promoting peace?** Nobel Peace Prize
- **In 1964, a law was passed to end segregation in public buildings thanks to MLK, Jr.'s hard work.**
- **How did MLK, Jr. die?** MLK, Jr. was shot and killed in 1968 by a man who did not like the changes he was trying to make.
- **What month do Americans of all races celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day?** January since this was the month he was born in.

