

Happy Birthday Abe & the Lincoln Penny

February 12

Description of Program Abraham Lincoln's 200th anniversary of his birth and the Lincoln Penny's 100th anniversary will both be celebrated in 2009. Stories, games, crafts, and activities will highlight these important events.

Books

Choose one or two books about Lincoln to read to the participants. Suggestions are listed below. Before reading, you might ask what the group knows about Lincoln's life.

A. Lincoln and Me by Louise Borden

Abe Lincoln the Boy Who Loved Books by Kay Winters

Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers by Karen Winnick

Thanksgiving in the White House by Gary Hines



Craft, Game & Activity Stations

The following activities and games can be set up as stations so that children can choose which one to do and how long to stay at each station. A total of 6-8 craft, activity, and game stations works best:

Games & Activity Stations

Pennies in the jar

Seal a small jar full of pennies. Have each child fill out a guess of how many pennies are in the jar. The child closest to the correct number wins the jar of pennies.

Penny Toss

Create a bull's eye on a large poster board and give point values to each circle. Children are given pennies to toss at the bull's eye.

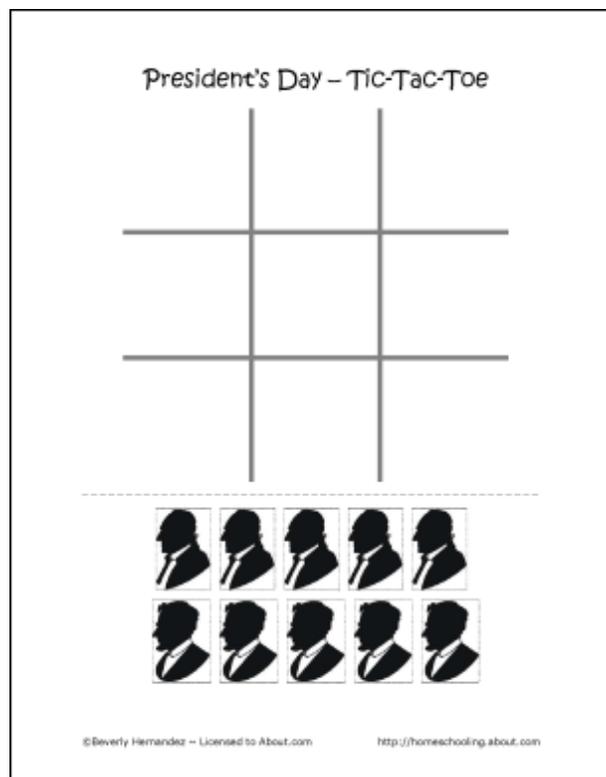
Lincoln Logs

Have Lincoln Logs available for children to create their own log cabin.

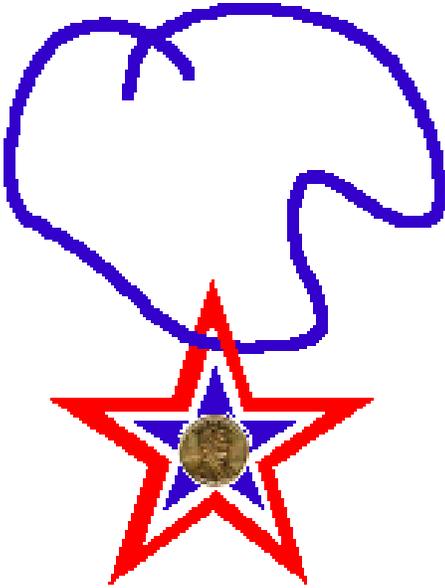
Tic-Tac-Toe

Use illustrations of Washington and Lincoln to create tic-tac-toe boards and pieces. Children may play the game with others and then take the games home. Printable game available at

http://homeschooling.about.com/od/freeprintables/ss/lincolnprint_10.htm



Craft Stations



Lincoln Penny Pendant:

Instructions available at

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/pennypendant/>

Lincoln Finger Puppet:

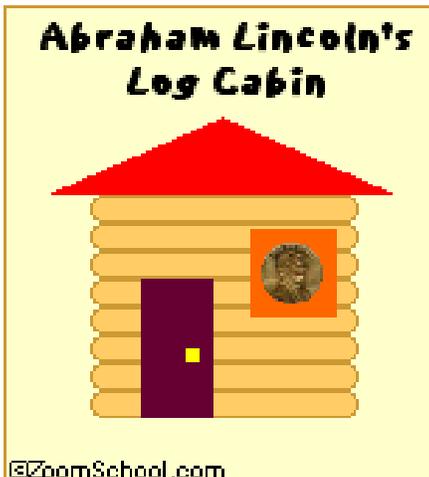
Directions available at

<http://crafts.kaboose.com/presidents-day.html>



Penny Rubbings:

Pennies, paper, different color crayons. Children can arrange pennies under a sheet of paper and then rub crayons over the paper to create a penny drawing.



Log Cabins:

Pretzel Log Cabin: Create a 3-D log cabin by gluing small pretzels to an empty milk carton.

Craft Stick Log Cabins: Another log cabin craft can be done with craft sticks:

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/lincolnlogcabin/>

Suggestions for snacks

Birthday cupcakes, and "log" pretzel sticks

More information or questions?

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