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“MLK Peace Doves”

Grades K-5

Objective: The student will describe/illustrate a major event in Martin Luther King, Jr.’s life that helped bring about peace.

This objective partially covers GPS requirement **SSKH1**
(For teachers outside the state of Georgia, check your local or state education curriculum to see what requirements this lesson plan may satisfy.)

Materials:

- White construction paper
- White copy paper
- Scissors
- Pencils
- Colored pencils/crayons
- String
- Hole puncher
- Biography books on MLK Jr. (optional)
- Brief background of MLK Jr.
 - <http://www.usconstitution.net/dream.html>
- Dove pattern instructions
 - <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/newyear/dove/>

Procedure:

1. Introduce students to Martin Luther King, Jr. by sharing a short summary about his life and all the accomplishments he achieved in his lifetime (and after). (The website listed above contains a brief summary about Martin Luther King, Jr.)
2. Explain to students that as a result of all the wonderful things King did, we have a national holiday to celebrate King and his life. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a time to reflect about the changes in society that King helped bring about. It is a day to remember King and how he strived to make his dream of peace come true.
3. If desired, have students research King in biography books to find out more about his life events.
4. Using the dove pattern instructions, have students create a peace dove. Before students attach the wings and tail to the body of the dove, have them draw or

write a description of a major event in Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life that helped bring about peace. If the students choose to illustrate an event, have them color it as well.

5. Allow students to share their peace doves with their classmates.
6. Hang doves from the classroom ceiling using the string and hole puncher.

Assessment:

Evaluate students on the accuracy of their description/illustration of the major event in Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life that helped bring about peace.