

# Discovery Quest

## SEPTEMBER TOPICS

1. Discover where your name came from. (This could be your first, middle, or last name, or even a nickname.)
2. Discover your special "places to love," and tell us why you love being there. You might share something you have that reminds you of that place.
3. Discover an American symbol. (bird, flower, etc.) Tell why it was selected and what it stands for.
4. Discover more about our school. Our school is named for James E. Plew. Tell us all about him.

## OCTOBER TOPICS

1. Discover a career that interests you that requires science, math, or both. Tell us about it. Tell us all about what the job is, where you would work, the training you would need, and why you want to do it.
2. Discover which college you would like to attend. Tell us about three different colleges or universities and what you could study there. Then tell us why going to school there interests you.
3. Discover Columbus Day. Columbus Day is an October holiday but you do not have a day off school to celebrate it. Tell us what the holiday stands for.
4. Discover superstitions and/or "old wives" tales. Tell about one and its history (how it started).

## NOVEMBER TOPICS

1. Discover veterans. We honor our veterans on Veterans Day, November 11. What is a veteran? Learn about it, and then tell the class about a veteran you know and his or her contributions to our country.
2. Discover a famous Floridian, past or present. Tell us about him/her, his/her life, and why he/she became famous.
3. Discover the Prime Meridian and the International Date Line. What are they? Where are they located? Find out why they are important.
4. Discover a Native American legend. Learn a Native American legend, and practice telling it like it would have been told by Native Americans years ago. Don't read it! Tell it with expression, emotion, and personality!

## DECEMBER TOPICS

1. Discover the law of supply and demand. How does it affect the cost of your holiday gifts?
2. Discover holiday traditions. What holiday traditions does your family have that come from other countries or cultures?
3. Discover community service. Research a charity. Find out how people “give back” to their charity of choice. Who (or what) does your charity benefit? Tell us why others would want to donate their time, money, or resources to this charity and how they can go about getting involved.
4. Discover the story behind something. Find out how a toy or game was created. Who created it? Try creating a game or a toy.

## JANUARY TOPICS

1. Discover a way to make the new year your best ever -- in school or at home. Share your resolution(s) and the reason you chose it/them.
2. Discover Mars. Choose to tell about the Greek god for whom the planet was named, or explain what scientists have learned in recent years.
3. Discover the Civil Rights Movement or one of the famous people involved in it, such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. or Rosa Parks.
4. Discover where the months of the year got their names. Do they have special meanings that fit the seasons?

## FEBRUARY TOPICS

1. Discover where valentines came from. Why is it a "romantic" holiday? Write a special valentine's poem for a school helper. Share with the class, then plan to deliver the message!
2. Discover a famous African-American, past or present. Tell about his/her life and contributions.
3. Discover healthy eating. Plan a week's menu with your parent/guardian. Plan for 3 meals/day plus snack. Do a shopping list. Go shopping with your parent to see how much it costs!
4. Discover bugs and insects. Choose one and learn all about it! Discover where it lives, what it eats, what insect or animal preys upon it, whether it is dangerous to humans, and how its existence is important to us.

## MARCH TOPICS

1. Discover St. Patrick's Day. What is the history behind St. Patrick's Day? What would it mean if you wore orange instead of green?
2. Let's go fly a . . . a . . . Well, let's learn about aerodynamics and how/why planes, kites, and birds fly. You can teach paper airplane making, if you can show the reason it flies well!
3. Discover famous women. In honor of Women's History Month, choose a famous woman, and tell when she lived, what her major accomplishments were, and how her achievements have impacted the development of our country.
4. Discover the state senators and state representatives for Okaloosa County. Are they Republican or Democrat? Find out about one of them - - their family, jobs (normally), and views on things that are important to you.

## APRIL TOPICS

1. Discover how to be "green." April is Earth Month. Tell us what being "green" means and how each of us can make a difference.
2. Discover number patterns. Look at this pattern: 1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21. . . Can you continue this famous number sequence? It's called the Fibonacci sequence after the Italian mathematician who "discovered" it. Discover Fibonacci and his life OR find examples of this sequence in nature. (Hint: Count flower petals in multi-layer flowers for starters.
3. With warmer weather comes more outdoor play--hooray! Discover safety on bikes, skateboards, roller blades, or scooters. Teach the class how to be safer while having more fun!
4. Discover your favorite state. Identify at least one geographical characteristic of the state and describe the year-round climate in that state. Share the reasons why that state is your favorite (special attractions?, vacation spot?)

## MAY TOPICS

1. Discover a type of poetry that doesn't rhyme. Show us how to write a haiku, cinquain, or diamante. How about sharing limericks and showing how to write one.
2. Discover how to help in an emergency. You should know some basic first aid in case of emergency. Explain what someone your age can do in case of bleeding, choking, or if someone isn't breathing.
3. Discover Cinco de Mayo. Why is this holiday celebrated? What are some traditions of Cinco de Mayo?
4. Discover a love of books. Share your about your favorite book or author. What books are you going to read this summer?