



Clover Academy Students Celebrate Black History Month with Art Exhibit



This week, Clover Academy pre-K students unveiled a fabulous Black History Month exhibit which now adorns the hallways of our campus. The children's display depicts African-Americans they have been learning about who made major contributions to our nation and world, while fighting to overcome racial oppression, inequities and injustices.

Among such notable leaders, the preschoolers' artwork features Garrett Morgan who invented the traffic light in 1923; former President Barack Obama who became the first black President of the United States; and the late great "Queen of Creole Cuisine" Leah Chase, whose restaurant Dooky Chase worked around Jim Crow laws to cash checks for African-American dockworkers and was one of the only places during the segregation era where blacks and whites could gather together socially.

It's never too early to teach Black history to children. It is also vitally important for children to see themselves in the books that are read to them and that they are learning to read. In that light we are pleased to share book recommendations for Educare Chicago librarian Anne-Marie Akin.

Book recommendations for infants:

[Bright Brown Baby: A Treasury](#) by Andrea Davis Pinkney

[Sweet, Sweet Baby!](#) by Javaka Steptoe

[Shades of Black: A Celebration of Our Children](#) by Sandra L. Pinkney

Books recommended for toddlers:

[Feast for 10](#) by Chathryn Falwell

[Parker Looks Up: An Extraordinary Moment](#) by Parker Curry and Jessica Curry

[My Hair is Beautiful](#) by Shauntay Grant

Books recommend for children in pre-K or kindergarten:

[We Are Here \(An All Because You Matter Book\)](#) by Tami Charles

[My People](#), a poem by Langston Hughes

[The ABCs of Black History](#) by Rio Cortez

[Baby Says](#) by John Steptoe

We hope you enjoy reading these at home with your children,



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