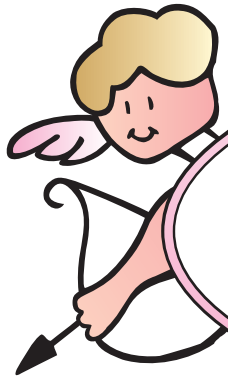
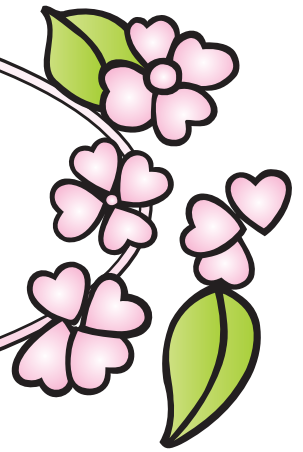


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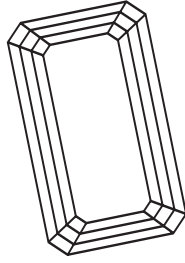
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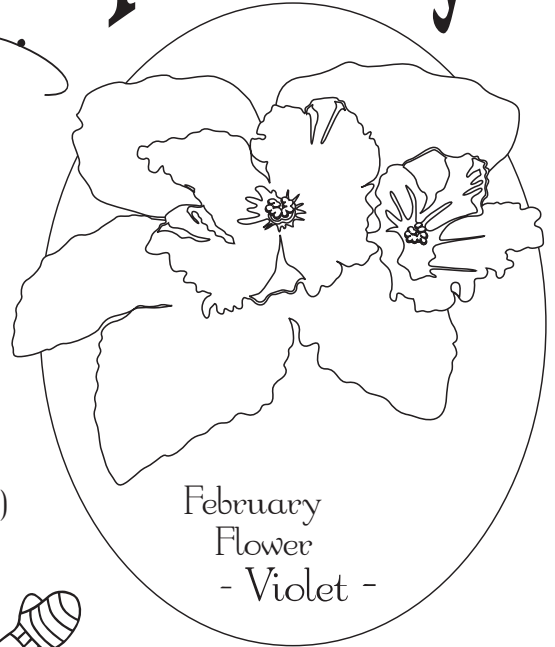
What's Special About the Month of . . .

February

February is the second month of the year. Its name comes from the Latin word *februare*, which means *to purify*. Long ago it was the last month of the year and the Romans purified themselves in February for the festivals that started the new year. February is the shortest month of the year. It has 28 days, except for every fourth year, (a leap year), when it has 29 days. February can be a cold and stormy month.



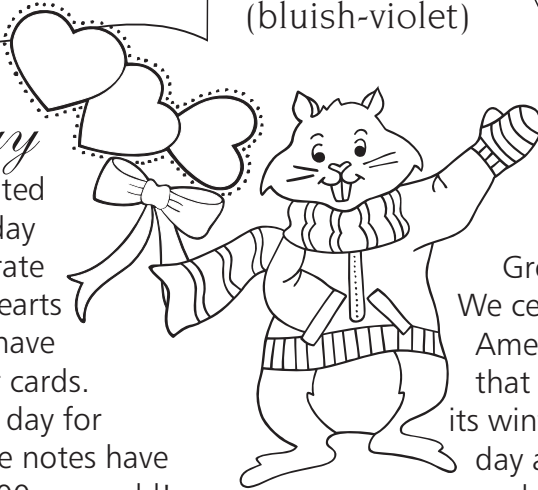
February
Birthstone
Amethyst
(bluish-violet)



February
Flower
- Violet -

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14th. On this day many school children decorate their classrooms with red hearts and cupids. You may even have a party and give each other cards. People have celebrated this day for a long time. Some Valentine notes have been found that are over 500 years old!



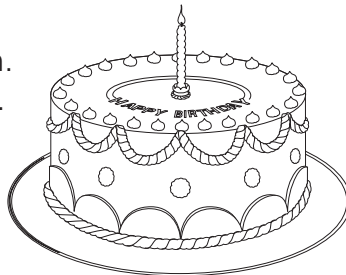
Groundhog Day

Groundhog Day is on February 2nd. We celebrate a custom that came to America from Europe. The legend is that the groundhog wakes up from its winter sleep on this day. If it is a sunny day and he sees his shadow, then he goes back into his hole, and we will have 6 more weeks of winter. If he doesn't see his shadow, then spring is near.

Famous February Birthdays

Many famous Americans were born in February. Here are just a few of them, their birthdays, and what they are famous for:

- 4, 1902 - Charles Lindbergh - aviation.
- 6, 1756 - Aaron Burr - political leader.
- 6, 1895 - "Babe" Ruth - baseball.
- 6, 1911 - Ronald Reagan - president.
- 9, 1773 - W. H. Harrison - president
- 11, 1847 - Thomas Edison - inventor.
- 12, 1809 - Abraham Lincoln - president.
- 22, 1732 - George Washington - president.
- 22, 1819 - James Russell Lowell - poet.
- 23, 1868 - W.E.B. Du Bois - civil rights leader.
- 24, 1836 - Winslow Homer - painter.
- 26, 1846 - William F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill") - frontiersman.
- 27, 1807 - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow - poet.

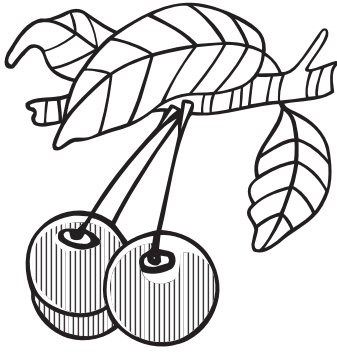


Leap Year

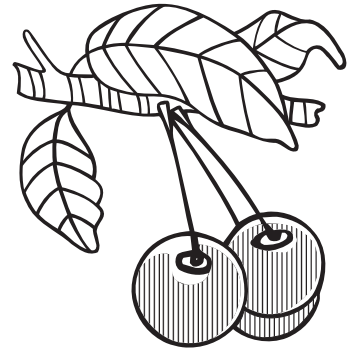


Leap Year is a strange thing that only happens in a year that can be divided evenly by four, or a century year that can be evenly divided by 400 (like 800, 1600 and 2000). In a leap year, one day is added to the calendar, and February then has 29 days. A leap year has 366 days in it. A regular year only has 365. Do you know anyone who was born on February 29th?

Name: _____



February



A B C order




Martha	president	Virginia	cherry
George	revolution	Valley Forge	first
Washington	Mt. Vernon	hatchet	leader



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