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| All I try to do, is to do a job and to do it well. Hon. Lincoln M. Alexander | Viola Desmond Won't be Budged! By Jody Warner | READ: Sulwe By Lupita Nyong'o | FACT: Mary Ann Shadd was the first Black female newspaper publisher with The Provincial Freeman | I wrote a book that I wanted to see in the world. Toni Morrison | WATCH: Viola Desmond's Heritage Moment to learn about her brave story. Discover at Home – Viola Desmond Activity Sheet | Equality: No one should be treated differently because of their background. All people have the same rights, no matter what they look like, or where they come from. |
| Black History month isn't just in February. To me, it's every month. It's year-round. Willie O'Ree | READ: Meet Willie O'Ree and learn about Canada's first Black Hockey Player in the NHL | READ: A is for Activist by Innosanto Nagara | FACT: Black History Month was founded in 1926 by Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson | I want girls and young people, especially Black, Indigenous and POC to see themselves as having a voice that people want to hear. Nadia Hohn | MATCH: A Kids Book About Racism, a storybook that explains what racism is, and what it looks like. Discover at Home – A Likkle Miss Lou Activity Sheet | MORD of the Day: Ally: Person who chooses to stand up and speak out about unfairness against others who are mistreated. |

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| Do the best you can until | 15 READ: | 16 READ: | FACT: | 18 Believe in yourself | 19 READ: | 20 WORD of the Day: Juneteeth: |
| you know better. Then when you know better, do better. Maya Angelou | All Aboard! Elijah McCoy's Steam Engine and learn about a famous Black inventor | Malaika's Winter Carnival by Nadia Hohn | Explorer and interpreter Mathieu Da Costa was the first recorded Black man to visit and live in Canada in 1605. | and let nobody tell you what you can and can't do, especially if it's because of the colour of your skin. P.K. Subban | Juneteenth for Mazie and learn about an important date in history about freedom and equality. Discover at Home – Willie O'Ree Activity Sheet | (Freedom Day) a day for the Black community to celebrate ancestors who hoped for freedom and equality. |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| I had no idea that history was being made. I was just tired of giving up. Rosa Parks | READ: Africville and learn about the "vibrant Black community" that was in Nova Scotia for 150 years. | READ: My Hair is Beautiful! by Shauntay Grant | FACT: Lincoln Alexander was named "Greatest Hamiltonian of All Time" in 2006. | To be able to see yourself in someone else's story can be life changing. To know a goal is achievable can be empowering. Vashti Harrison | LISTEN: Hair Love, a heartwarming story about a father, and his daughter's Black hair. Discover at Home Activity Sheets: Elijah McCoy Hair Love | WORD of the Day: People of Colour: A term for all non-white people or groups, based on race or ethnicity. |