

Parents and Guardians,

Celebrate the past with activities to help your child learn about personal, family, and local history.

### **Start at home**

Help your child learn when and where he was born. Look through baby books, local newspaper birth announcements, or share your memories of the day. Learn about other family members' birth dates and places. Your child can make a family tree to show this information. The family tree can be made on paper, or use the family tree builder online at <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/1900/sfeature/>. Continue the study of family history by asking older relatives about life when they were young. Your child can also look at family heirlooms or browse family photo albums.

### **Get local**

Take a trip to your public library to help your child learn more about local history. The library may have information on famous people from your town, local historical facts and places, and documents from historic events. Local museums may also have similar information. Decide on a local historical site that you would like to visit. Research the events that made this site an important place in your community. Then plan and take a trip to the site. As a follow-up activity, your child could create an art project or write a poem to show what she learned.

### **Broaden your horizons**

Extend your child's interest in history without ever leaving your town. Use the Internet, magazines, newspapers, and TV to explore the history of your country or the world.

### **Make some history of your own**

Look for ways that you and your child can contribute to your community. Many local organizations need volunteers. Who knows – maybe one day someone will read about you in the library archives.

