

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

**SUBJECT: STUDENT LITERACY ACTIVITIES FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**Celebrating African American History Month with Martin Luther King Jr.: A Literacy Contest**

This Literacy Contest is specifically designed for all second and third graders. The book selected for this activity is: *Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with Mrs. Park's Class*. In this book, the students in Mrs. Park's class prepare to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by thinking about the values he taught. The book also contains an informative section on Martin Luther King, Jr.

The book is accompanied by an Activity Book. The purpose of this booklet is to provide activities that could assist children in preparation for the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT). The activities address each of the Language Arts Benchmarks that are tested on the FCAT Grade 3.

The contest will begin on January 15, 2007. Participating students will read the book with the teacher and complete all the activities included in the Activity Book. After completing all the activities, the teacher will ask students to prepare a short essay on "The Importance of Martin Luther King, Jr. in Our Life." The essays will be collected and graded by classroom teachers using the "FCAT Writing Rubric." The essays with Level 6 scores will be submitted to a Committee composed of community and educational leaders. The winner will receive a laptop computer donated by Santillana USA Publishing Company. Additional, the winner will be announced during an African American History Month event that will take place on February 28, 2007.

Books will be purchased by the school district. Santillana USA Publishing Company will prepare a special edition for the school district with its logo and offer a discount price for this special edition.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MS. ANA RIVAS LOGAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recommend the Superintendent of Schools and/or designee to implement the student literacy activity (as outlined above) *Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with Mrs. Park's Class: A Literacy Contest for use during African American History Month (February 2007).*