

Enrichment Activity Guide

February 2012



Feb. 2 According to folklore, if a groundhog sees its shadow on Feb. 2, it will run back into its burrow, and winter weather will continue for six more weeks. If the groundhog does not see its shadow, it will leave

the burrow, signifying that winter weather will soon end. The origins of this unscientific idea are not clear; many believe it originated in ancient Europe and was brought to the United States by German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania. The largest Groundhog Day celebration is held in Punxsutawney, PA, where crowds as large as 40,000 have gathered to celebrate the holiday since at least 1886.

Feb. 6 New York Yankee Babe Ruth's home run record of 60 in one season (1927) went unchallenged for more than 30 years. During the 1961 season, Roger Maris hit a record 61 home runs, also for the New York Yankees. Born in Minnesota, Maris played in Cleveland, Detroit, and Kansas City before joining baseball legends Mickey Mantle and Yogi Berra on the Yankees team.

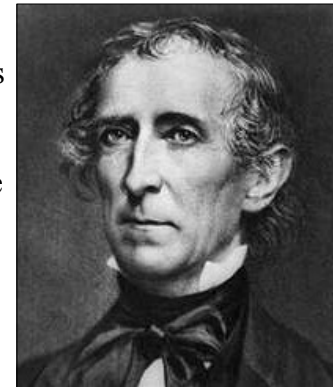


President William H. Harrison

President; he took office March 4, 1841, when he delivered a 100-minute inaugural speech in the snow. He became ill soon after and died just 32 days into his Presidency. He was the first President to die in office and was succeeded by his Vice President, John Tyler.

Feb. 9 William Henry Harrison was born on Feb. 9, 1773, in Virginia. He studied medicine before deciding on a military career. In 1801 he became governor of the Indiana territory. He continued to serve in the U.S. Army and gained national prominence defending the Northwest during the War of 1812. In February of 1840

Harrison was elected



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Feb. 29 Once every four years an additional day is added to the current Gregorian calendar to keep the calendar aligned with the earth's revolutions around the sun. The next Leap Day will occur Feb. 29, 2016.

