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“Early Childhood Education” and “Black History Month”

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Early Childhood Education

They arrive brimming with wonder,
Entering like young thunder.
Years later, why do so moping many
Complain of constant boredom, listlessly
Fret and shrug around the room sigh-searching
For the memory of inner lightning?

Black History Month

Ok Kids, I'll need your help today
To take down the Black Inventor Posters
And put them away for next year's class.
Please go through your folders and choose
Your writings and pictures of Dr. King
And other special people we've studied
To take home and show your parents.
What's that, Jane? Why did Dr. King have to die?
Why did nobody stop the murderer?
Now those are excellent questions, Janie!
And I'm sure your fourth grade teacher next year
Will be happy to explore that but for now
We need to get ready for our new Math Unit --
A neat one on Subtraction! You're gonna love it!



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