

## Presidents Day Activities

**President Film Fest** Some are historical and some are fictional, but either way there is no shortage of films based on the United States presidency. Whether you choose a comedy or drama, there is something for everyone. Here are some suggestions: *The American President*, *Frost/Nixon*, *All the President's Men*, *Dave*, *Air Force One*, *Lincoln*, *JKF*, *Primary Colors*, *Thirteen Days*, and *John Adams*.



**Pennies in a Jar** Fill a jar with pennies. Be sure to count the pennies as you add them. Give your residents an opportunity to examine the jar and ask them to guess how many they think are in the jar. Have them write their name and guess on a slip of paper. The person who comes closest wins the jar!



**George Washington Bowtie** Have a crisp dollar bill ready for each resident; newer bills are easier to fold and make clearer creases. Follow these step-by-step instructions for folding a [dollar bill bowtie](#). Use a paper clip to attach.

**Read Along** Invite young, emerging readers to your community for an intergenerational read along. You can do buddy reading (resident and child) or residents can read aloud to the group. You might even get residents or staff to dress up as Lincoln or Washington. Some book suggestions include *Abe Lincoln's Hat*, *Duck for President*, *Presidents' Day*, *So You Want to be President*, *The President Stuck in the Bathtub*, *The White House*, *First Pets*, *My Teacher for President*.



**Jelly Belly** Everyone knows how much President Ronald Reagan loved Jelly Bellies. Jelly Belly jelly beans come in many unique and tasty flavors. Why not have a Jelly



Belly tasting event? Give your residents samples of the jelly beans and see if they can guess the flavor. For an even greater challenge, don't let them see the color. Let them retry the jelly beans again after they know the flavor. Does it make a difference?

**Teddy Bear** Did you know that the Teddy Bear was invented in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt? It all started when Teddy Roosevelt refused to shoot a bear while on a hunting trip. Share the [history of the Teddy Bear](#) with your residents. If you would like to try something more creative with your residents, how about these cute [Teddy Bear washcloths](#)?



**Match the President** How well do your residents know the presidents? Print images of the Presidents (or project the images on your iN2L system). See if your residents can identify the president. For an added challenge, see if the group can put the presidents in order.

**Peanuts** Jimmy Carter, the 39<sup>th</sup> president, was a peanut farmer from Georgia. In his honor create an environmentally friendly craft with your residents. Depending on where you are located, food might be scarce this time of year for local birds and wildlife. Make these [pine cone/peanut butter bird feeders](#) and hang them in the area outside the windows of your community.

