January Highlights for Discovery Education

Timely & Relevant Resources

National Science Fiction Day (Grades 6-12)
Share this podcast with students to learn about Octavia Butler, an author who forever changed the science fiction game. Explore other podcasts like this in the Encyclopedia Womannica Channel.

Martin Luther King Jr Day (All Grades)
Meet Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a pastor who led and inspired African Americans to demand equal rights. Dr. King advocated peaceful methods of resistance to unfair laws, such as boycotting buses that forced African Americans to ride separately and leading a march to Washington, D.C., to call for jobs and freedom for all.

National Thesaurus Day (Grades K-5)
Follow the adventures of WordGirl as she fights off evil villains with superhuman powers and learns new vocabulary words every day.

National Holocaust Remembrance Day (All Grades)
USC Shoah Foundation is dedicated to making audio-visual interviews with survivors and witnesses of the Holocaust and other genocides a compelling voice for education and action. Explore the newly developed and innovative assets on The Willesden Project—learn the impact of a powerful narrative that we hold within ourselves the power to overcome hatred.
January Highlights for Discovery Education

Timely & Relevant Resources

PL Resource of the Month: DE Virtual Field Trips
Learning on Demand
Join Rita Mortenson as she discusses the power of virtual field trips and shares ways to maximize the experience with students. Use this professional learning resource to expand your understanding of how Discovery Education can support you in transforming teaching and learning.

Strategy of the Month: 3-2-1 Pyramid
Students use a graphic organizer to capture their thinking while viewing a DE resource. This builds foundational knowledge that helps students produce a summary. This strategy provides a scaffolded framework that guides student practice as they master the process of summarizing information. View all strategies in the SOS Channel.

Feature of the Month: My Content
Stay organized year to year! My Content allows you to collect, organize, share, and retrieve your favorite Discovery Education digital curriculum resources in an organized filing structure. Organize by subject, topic, unit, or however fits your lesson plans!

January Activity Calendars
Explore ready-to-use activities for the month of January that provide students with opportunities to explore their curiosity around a variety of topics in our NEW daily activity calendars for grades K-8. View current and past calendars at any time in our Activity Center.

January Calendars:  K-2  3-5  6-8
Elementary: PreK - 2

- **Literacy: Maya and Miguel** – Immerse students into these colorful, language-filled adventures which promote the value of a culturally diverse society. Maya and Miguel demonstrate the importance of doing good for family and community.

- **Math: Math in Context** – Help students investigate the context in which math is used. From sports, to medicine, to music – math is all around us in everyday life.

- **Science: Polar Bears** – Venture into the Arctic—the land of polar bears. With two layers of fur, a thick layer of blubber, and large paws, polar bears are specially adapted to survive on the Arctic ice and swim in frigid water. Climate change is causing the Arctic polar ice cap to melt, threatening the survival of polar bears.

- **Social Studies: Time Warp Trio** – Watch what happens when three 10-year old city kids get their hands on a magic book that can send them anywhere in time or space. Each episode is based on real history and offers up a quirky, interesting fact!

- **Health & Wellness: Child Mind Institute** – Explore four series dedicated to stamping out stigma around mental illness and learning differences.

Elementary: 3 – 5

- **Literacy: Weston Woods** – See children’s picture books come to life with Weston Woods. By seeking the best books from all over the world and adapting them to preserve the integrity of the original, Weston Woods helps children discover the riches that are trapped between the covers of the books and motivates them to want to read for themselves.

- **Math: Cha-Ching Money Smart Kids** – Go beyond counting coins with these fun and engaging videos and activities that introduce concepts of finance to students.

- **Science: Wonderscape** – This series highlights key historical figures in the science field and their impact on the advancement of science and technology – explained for younger learners.

- **Social Studies: Animated Hero Classics** – Explore this series of biographies of scientists, inventors, explorers, and social champions from around Europe, North America, and the Middle East.

- **Health & Wellness: Inner Explorer** – Experience Inner Explorer’s mindfulness-based stress reduction (MBSR) program through a series of audio-guided meditation practices.
Secondary: 6 – 8

- **Literacy: Common Sense Education: News and Media Literacy** – These resources will help students demonstrate the ability to identify, evaluate, and use information effectively, find credible and trustworthy sources, and give proper credit.

- **Math: Probability** – Explore grade-specific resources to introduce the ideas of probability in your classroom through real-world examples and practice explanations.

- **Science: Sea Studios Foundation** – In this series, learn about key scientists who made advancements in their fields such as biology, paleontology, neurobiology, and more.

- **Social Studies: Women in History** – Celebrate the remarkable journey and impact of women throughout history and learn contemporary stories of women changing the world. This collection showcases stories of pioneering women throughout history who fought for equality regardless of gender.

- **Health & Wellness: Healthy Decisions** – This channel provides grade-banded instructional materials and classroom resources to support students in developing healthy decision-making skills around such topics as alcohol and drugs, mental health and wellness, nutrition, and physical activity.

Secondary: 9 – 12

- **Literacy: Literary Devices** – Discover the different literary devices, or techniques, writers use to make their work more interesting to read. Writers use special techniques, especially in fiction and poetry, that make the writing exciting and memorable.

- **Math: Explanation Videos** – Looking for videos to scaffold learning for students or build background knowledge? Explore DE's Math Explanation and Overview videos to support all students.

- **Science: STEM Careers** – Learn about fascinating STEM careers through a variety of resources including career profiles, student activations, challenges, classroom activities, virtual field trips, and more.

- **Social Studies: Global Oneness Project** – Discover immersive documentary films that show individuals and communities who demonstrate resilience, passion, and advocacy as they contend with major issues facing humanity. In this collection, Global Oneness Project presents a series of stories that broaden our perspectives on social, cultural, and environmental issues.

- **Health & Wellness: Child Mind Institute** – Explore four series dedicated to stamping out stigma around mental illness and learning differences.