

Growing up, throughout the years, my teachers educated their class on the importance of Black History Month. In their lessons, they would discuss the history and culture of African Americans. Once I became a teacher myself, I felt that it was very important to teach my kindergarteners about Black History Month as well. In my classroom, the children would participate in activities that would expand their knowledge on many African Americans that were so important to our history. Some of the individuals we would focus on included Garrett Morgan, George Washington Carver, Martin Luther King Jr., and Rosa Parks.

I personally have a close friend that continues to inspire me to be a positive person. Her name is Cindy Smith. I would describe Cindy as kind-hearted, caring, and willing help anyone in need. She motives me daily to be a better person, to be more Christian-like, and to be there for others; the list could go on and on.

Cindy grew up in England. As you can imagine her voice is calm and soothing. When she talks, she makes you feel as if everything is going to be okay. Cindy is also our local Health Consultant for Gates as well as the surrounding counties. She has helped New Beginnings Daycare with everything from trainings to anything and everything COVID-19 related. Cindy has been a blessing to me every day but especially during the 2020 pandemic. If you are ever walking past by my office and hear me ending my conversation with “thank you so much Cindy”, just know I was talking to my dear friend who once again helped me in the daycare world.

