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SOCIAL STUDIES

School Is Closed!



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Level: **H**
Word Count: **250**
Social Studies

Skills You Can Teach

Sight Word Vocabulary

because **people**
first **together**
great

Concept Word Vocabulary

celebrate
Columbus Day
holidays
Lincoln's birthday
Martin Luther King Jr.
Memorial Day
Presidents' Day
Washington's birthday

Phonics

- Words with soft **c** (celebrate)

Comprehension

- Identify cause and effect
- Make connections

How to Read This Book with Children



1. Read the title of the book aloud.
   Ask: *What do you think this book will be about?*
2. Talk about the pictures on each page.
3. Ask children to point to one or two words they know.
4. Read the first page to children.
   Encourage them to read along.
5. Ask children to read the rest of the book aloud.
6. Support children if they have trouble reading a word by using some of these prompts:
   - *What can you do to help yourself?*
   - *Say the word slowly. What sounds can you hear?*
   - *Look at the picture. What is happening?*
   - *Does that word sound right? Try reading the word again.*
7. Reread the book aloud together and talk about it.
8. Build language and comprehension by using the ideas at the back of the book.

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Why Is School Closed?

School is closed on holidays.
We have holidays all year.



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Our schools are closed so we can celebrate. We celebrate people. We celebrate what people did.



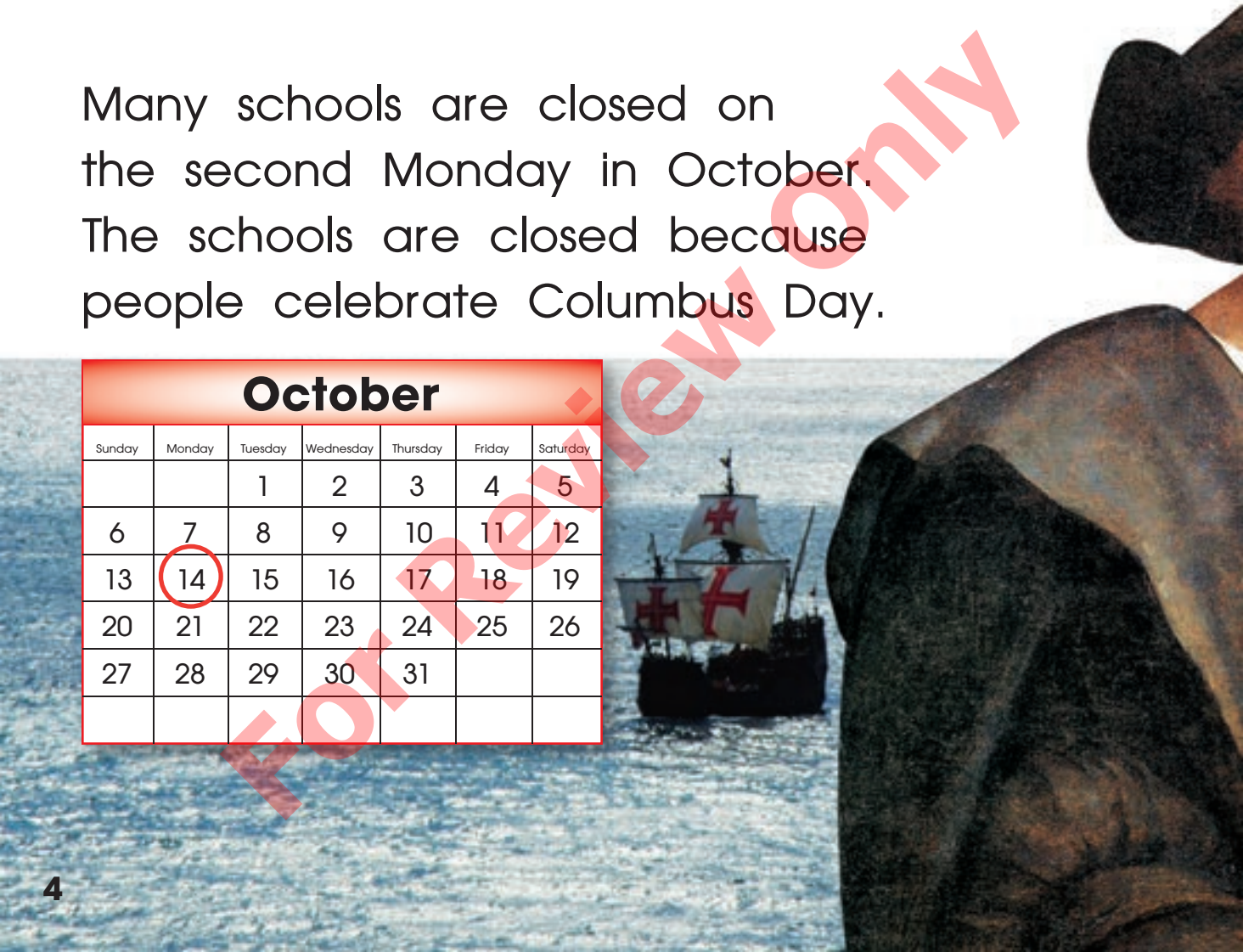
September						
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▲ School is closed on the first Monday in September. We celebrate Labor Day!

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Why Is School Closed in October?

Many schools are closed on the second Monday in October. The schools are closed because people celebrate Columbus Day.



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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People do not go to school on Columbus Day. They celebrate the day Columbus came to the Americas.

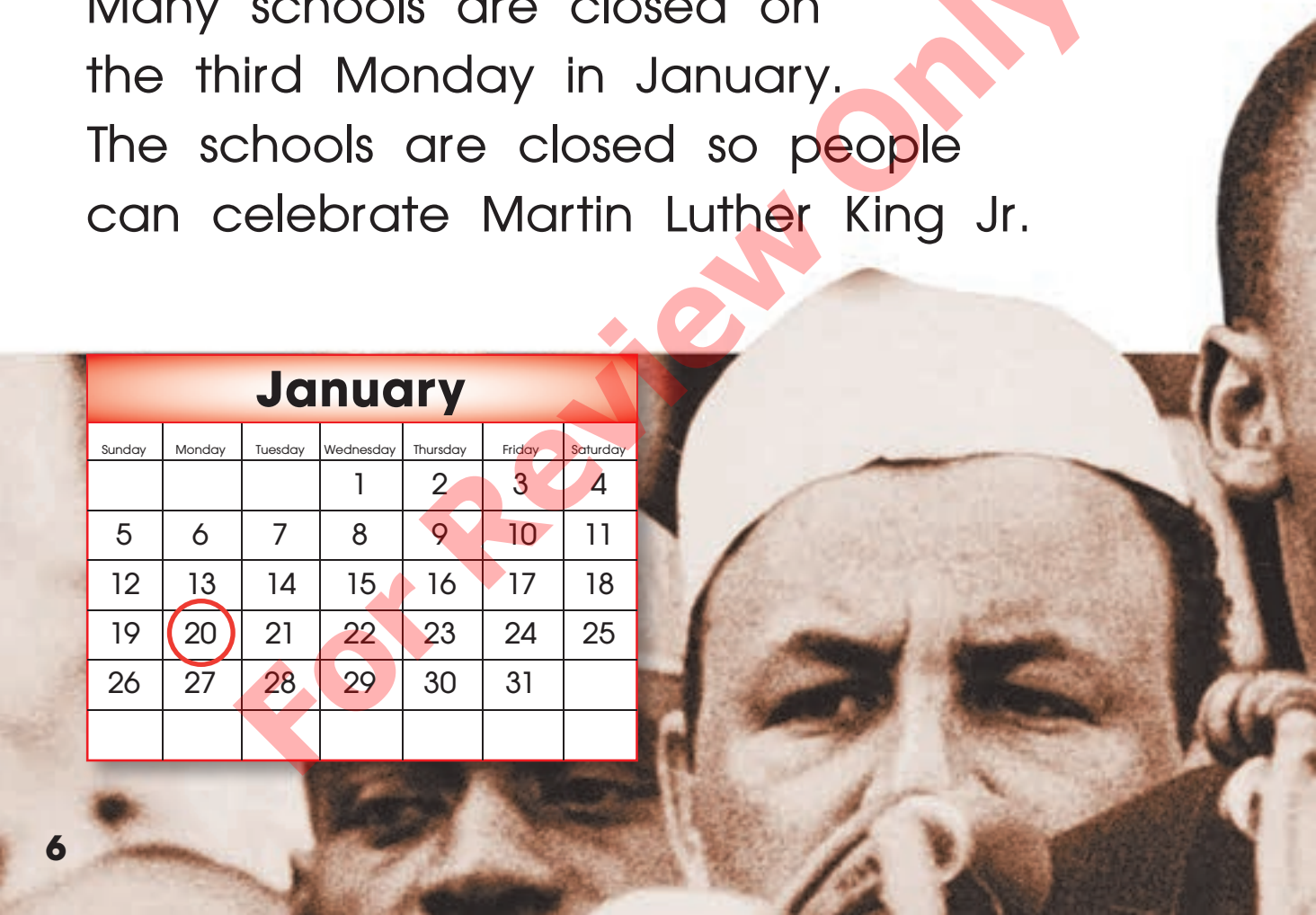
◀ Christopher Columbus was an explorer.



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Why Is School Closed in January?

Many schools are closed on the third Monday in January. The schools are closed so people can celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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This great man helped many people. We can celebrate by doing work that helps people.

◀ Dr. King helped fight for equal rights.



▲ These people plant trees in honor of Dr. King.

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