

300th Anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's 1711 Palindrome Birthday



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Using a childhood illustration of Benjamin Franklin from Ingri (1904-1980) and Edgar (1898-1986) Parin d'Aulaire's juvenile biography, *Benjamin Franklin* (Doubleday, 1950), Aziz Inan from the University of Portland created the palindrome picture to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Franklin's only palindrome birthday* in his lifetime which occurred on January 17, 1711 (1-17-1711), when he turned five years old.

*A. S. Inan, "Palindrome Dates in Ben Franklin's Life," *Franklin Gazette*, Vol. 20, No. 2, pp. 4-5, Summer 2010.

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