SYNOPSIS OF STORY: This book covers a wide range of inventions throughout history. Each section is separated by category or time period. Periods covered include Classical, Middle Ages, The Renaissance, and specific centuries and decades. The book talks about everything from fire and wheels to telescopes and microscopes to microwaves and CDs. Each invention has a small caption with information about each.

THEME: Inventions, Ideas

ACTIVITY ONE:
   Origin: Original of my own
   Objective:
       • After designing a car, the students will test their design against others.

Learn about the process of improving an invention. Use different objects such as boxes, lids, straws, etc. to make a “car” that will roll down a ramp. Test different designs to see which will roll better and further. Have a contest at the end of the project to see which group’s car goes farther.

ACTIVITY TWO:
   Origin: Original of my own
   Objectives:
       • After learning about inventions, the student will view an invention that has progressed and changed over time.

Show the class how inventions have improved and progressed over time. Music can be used as an example. Bring in old records, 8 tracks, cassettes, CDs, and MP3 players. Let the class interact with the objects and hear how they sound.
The invention of Joy Mangano - Female American entrepreneur and inventor - Miracle Mop. In 1990, Joy Mangano invented the Miracle Mop, a self-wringing plastic mop that can be easily squeezed out without the need of making the user's hands wet. Joy's company sold about $10 million a year worth of Miracle Mops. Patents of Joy Mangano - Female American entrepreneur and inventor. “All you need is one person to say yes to an idea.” - Joy Mangano.Â She was a talented musical composer and published a number of songs and a book of musical sketches. She was also the vice-president of the Los Angeles Symphony Orchestra Association for many years. Death of Harriet Williams Russell Strong - Female American social activist, conservationist, inventor.