



We have been very busy!

Pictures are featured from our performance at Ford's Theatre and the NMAAHC. Thank you for all of your support!



Upcoming Dates:

- Feb 16th** Civil Rights Performance- How Old is a Hero
- Feb 17th** Professional Development Day- No School for Students
- Feb 20th** President's Day- No School for students, teachers and staff
- Feb 24th** Family Unity Dance
- Feb 28th** Fifth Grade Historically Black College and University Fair (details forthcoming)



Check out the Fifth Grade SQUAD at Ford's Theatre

<https://youtu.be/xbEiClbkqdA>

Reading Workshop: Nonfiction

Our current reading unit focuses on nonfiction research. Students chose topics in December and have been researching them and dividing their overall topic into subtopics. Students have been practicing note taking as well as organizing their notes based on the most important information. We are now finished researching and are

putting our information on posters. Students are making tri-fold boards about their topics and some students are working in partnerships. Our topics range from Ancient Greece to Black Holes.



Katelyn and Alex practice their music production skills at the NMAAHC.

Math: Using the multiplication algorithm

Our current math unit is focused on two digit by two digit multiplication as well as three digit by four digit multiplication. Students are learning a variety of strategies such as an area model and using the standard algorithm that is a more traditional way of solving problems. We also are

learning to make estimates about our math problems so that we know if our answers are reasonable. Students will round the two numbers in the problem to get an idea of what their answers should be. We are using grid paper and whiteboards in order to have enough space for

our work as well as keep our work organized. Most of the fifth graders are comfortable with multiplication strategies and students are saying that it gets easier and easier with more practice. Strong multiplication skills are very important in middle school math



Writing workshop is focused on writing memoirs. Students reviewed their previous journal entries and developed common themes throughout their lives. Some of themes that students have been writing about include: family is important, always try your best, and

sometimes unexpected things happen. Students' memoirs include two small moments that reflect the themes in their lives. We are moving towards publishing our memoirs and they will be shared next month at Publishing Night (March 16th at 6:00 PM)