

PYP NEWSLETTER

First Grade
Unit 3

All Those Heroes!

Central Idea: Our lives are influenced by people who shaped history.

First grade learned about historical figures and their influence in our world. They learned about important figures such as Ruby Bridges, Sacagawea, Lewis and Clark, George Washington Carver, and Benjamin Franklin to name a few. Students discussed how these historical figures contributed to our world. They learned how some of them invented things that are still used today such as Franklin's invention of the stove. They also learned about non-physical contributions such as how Sacagawea made an impact by being a translator, and how Ruby Bridges made an impact on civil rights. To conclude the unit, students participated in the in-school Wax Museum. Students selected one historical figure to dress up as and then presented who they were and what they contributed to the world. The Wax Museum gave students the opportunity to present their newly learned knowledge in a fun and engaging manner to parents, teachers, and peers.

Lines of Inquiry:

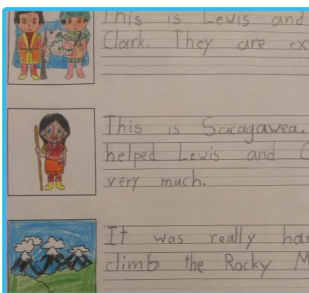
An inquiry into how historical figures continue to influence our lives

An inquiry into the characteristics and learner profile attributes those historical figures were demonstrating

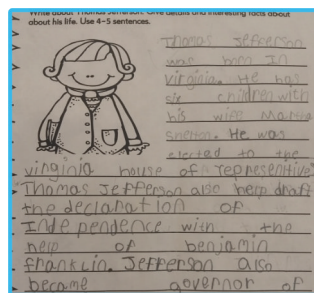
An inquiry into what motivated those historical figures to change the world

Up Next:

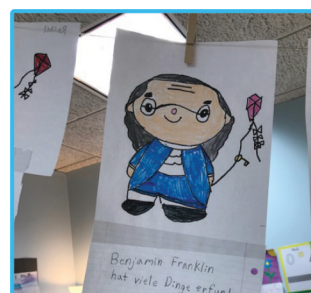
In Unit 4 students will be inquiring into light, sound, and shadows. They will discuss the cause and effect of light and sound. Students will also look at shadows and observe how they change depending on the time of day and the placement of light.



Students wrote about Lewis and Clark, and how Sacagawea helped them.



Students learned about Thomas Jefferson and wrote about his life.



In 1G they drew Benjamin Franklin and wrote facts about him.



In art students learned about drawing portraits by drawing Ruby Bridges.