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Raleigh Fieldtrip

Last Tuesday, February 3rd, the fourth grade classes went on a field trip to Raleigh. We toured the legislative building, the capital building, and The North Carolina museum of history. The NC sports hall of fame was a favorite exhibit in the museum as well as the exhibit where a museum staff member showed us how early North Carolina settlers carved boats using wooden tools.

At the legislative building we got to see where the North Carolina house of representatives meets just before the house went into session. We also got to see the where the senate meetings take place. At the capital building, we got to see the historic chambers of the house and the senate. We would like to thank our great chaperones who braved the cold to join us for this trip. **By: Ms. Virginia**

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Spectacular Specials

MUSIC

“Tweet, Tweet!” No, it’s not birds! It’s recorders and the sound of music. We have a recorder system called recorder karate and when you play a song correctly, you get a belt (a string) tied onto your recorder. Our new music teacher is wonderful! She makes recorders seem easy. Once you complete all 9 songs, you get a certificate. Some of the songs are Hot Cross Buns, Gently Sleeping, Merrily We Role Along, It’s Raining, and Old McDonald.

By: Erin & Emma

ART

When we went to art last week we arrived to find a 300 year old loom. A local expert weaver, Miss Victoria, came to teach us her craft and help us weave some personal items into a time capsule for Estes Hills. Examples of things we brought in are teddy bears, cloth, pencils, and other small trinkets. If you would like to see pictures of our time capsule you can visit Ms. Gast’s website.

<http://www2.chccs.k12.nc.us/education/staff/staff.php?sectionid=322>

By: Ellie and Rebecca

P.E.

Lets go deep into the gym where you can hear balls bouncing, music playing, and children shouting from miles away. As you enter the nets tower over us and we are ready to play some volleyball! We are divided up into four teams to play volleyball. We smack the ball and it goes soaring through the air. The shouts of “Got it,” and “Bump, Set, Spike,” fill the gym. We are getting really good at keeping the ball in the air, and off the floor. Some of us are great at spiking the ball far over the net, others of us are still honing our skills! None the less, we have had a fantastic time learning this new sport with Mrs. Pearce. P.E. is one of our favorite things to do at school. P.E. is one of our favorite things to do at school. **By: Amy and Ellison**



Special Points of Interest:

- * **February 13**— Silent Auction and Family Fun Night
- * **February 19**— Delayed Opening
- * **March 6**— Live Wax Museum

Check out pictures of our windsock book projects, downtown Raleigh field trip and more at mscoleman.com!

Letters to Sasha and Malia Obama

Last week during writing we practiced our letter writing skills and composed letters so first daughters, Sasha and Malia Obama. We asked them questions about living in the white house, how they like their new home and school in Washington D.C., and how they feel about secret service being with them at all times. In our letters we also told them a bit about ourselves. We decorated our envelopes and hopefully they will write us back soon!

By: Alan and Kevin

Scientists at Work

This quarter in science we are learning about animal adaptations and different habitats around the world. We have to study a habitat and make a website or a keynote/PowerPoint presentation about the assigned habitat and the animals that live there. There is certain information that must be included in our project. We must include three animals and three adaptations for each animal. Also, we have to describe the animal's diet, what the look like, and several factors about their habitat. This has been great fun!

By: Michael & Kees

Also, check out our pictures of owl pellet dissection at:

<http://www.mscoleman.com/SSandScience0809.html>



Youth Service Grant

All the campers are excited about our \$1,000 State Farm Youth Service grant. We will be doing projects with the local non profit called Table. The program provides weekend meals to families in need. On Tuesday, a representative from Table came to our classroom and introduced us to the program. We will keep you posted about the progress of these projects. To learn more about Table, visit www.tablenc.org.

New Project: Famous Tarheels



This month the genre for our book projects is biography or autobiography. For this project students are allowed to use resources from books as well as internet resources.

The project has four main parts and each part has its own due date. The trading card is due first, on March 4th. The timeline and the wax museum costumes and

props are due on March 5th. Our live wax museum will be help on Friday, March the 6th. On that day the oral presentation is due. Each student will dress up as the famous North Carolinian he/she researched and speak, as if they were that famous person. Parts are encouraged to attend.

The outline for this project can be found at www.mscoleman.com/bookprojects0809.html

Star Campers

Congratulations to the most recent Star Campers!

Nicholas

(Dec. 8-12)



Kevin

(Dec. 15-19)



Brandon

(Jan. 26-30)



Julia

(Feb. 2-6)

Erin

(Jan. 12-16)



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