



# News Release

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## Creek View Elementary 4th Graders Step Back To The Colonial Days



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The fourth grade students at Creek View Elementary just completed a social studies unit on Life in the British Colonies. The students explored the daily lives of the British colonists, highlighting the individualism and interdependence of the people who settled in towns and cities, on plantations, or along the frontier of the British colonies. They learned the regional similarities and differences among the colonial towns and the rise of colonial cities. Students examined the daily life on the southern plantations and on settlements in the frontier. When the unit was over, the fourth grade teachers and parents planned a cumulating activity called "Colonial Day" where the students gain hands-on experience of colonial activities. One classroom was set up to teach the students how to make decorative stencils on metal using a hammer and a nail. In another classroom students churned their own butter and ate it with a warm biscuit. Students learned to make candles by dipping a wick into hot wax over and over again – with the candle gaining size with each new layer of wax.

Students also learned how to write in calligraphy and practiced writing letters. The students were encouraged to dress as the colonists would and even received prizes for the best dressed. The teachers also dressed as colonists. Colonial Day was a huge success and is an annual event for fourth grade students at Creek View Elementary.



4th Grade Teaching Staff

Back Row: Hal Thoss, David Smith, Emily Duncan, Michael Vorick, Steve Johnson  
Front Row: Valerie Curry, Alison Boivin, Brenda Leahy, and Chrissy Wade