

# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

## 2nd Grade Family Heritage Project

Second grade students showed academic excellence in completing their multi-step Family Heritage Project! After studying culture and America's past in class, they researched one of the countries their own ancestors come from and when they first arrived in the United States. They chose a relative to interview and compared life from long ago to their own lives in the present day. They wrote a family story, created a replica of their country's flag, and even made a paper doll dressed in the traditional clothing from their country. In class, each student gave an oral presentation, teaching the other students about all they had learned and helping us all gain appreciation for the many diverse cultures represented here at WVCS! The class concluded their study with a Heritage Luncheon where they experienced delicious food from all over the world as each family brought in a dish representing their country. It was a special time together!

We were so impressed with our young learners' critical thinking as they discussed the differences between the cultural practices of their own family's country of origin and the United States as well as considered how their family's cultural background has influenced their own values and beliefs. Many students were even able to comment on the impact that migration to the United States has had on their family's cultural traditions today. Biblical discussions were also integrated as they considered how the role of faith in the cultural practices of their country compares to what the Bible says. We are so proud of our second graders for taking on a project with so much depth and complexity!



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