

Hearst Elementary

Classes celebrated Black History Month by researching and sharing facts about different African-American people. We displayed posters around the school.

Our class researched George Washington Carver. George Washington Carver was born a slave, and he took his slave owner's name of Carver. He was often sick and didn't help his brother Jim in the fields. When he was a kid, he had to leave home to go to school out of state. He wanted to go to college in Kansas, but they wouldn't let him since he was a different color, so he had to go to Simpson College. He studied agriculture. He helped farmers make fertilizer out of swamp muck and dead leaves. He invented 300 different ways to use peanuts and more than 100 ways to use sweet potatoes. He thought that if you don't take care of nature, nature won't take care of you.

He inspired us to go to college and study what we want to study. He inspired us to keep on believing in ourselves even if something bad

has happened. He inspired us to invent what we want to invent, and to keep trying.

— *Ms. Brown's third-grade class*