

## A Trip to Our Nation's Capital

Waking up at 5 AM is a small price to pay for such a beautiful experience. Getting up at the crack of dawn was the first step for 50 7<sup>th</sup> graders who took the three-day spring break trip to Washington D.C. Led by five of Carver's teachers and staff, the excursion introduced students to the history of our nation and our federal government.

If you spent a minute and a half at every single thing there is to see in Washington D.C., it would take you seventeen years. Unfortunately, we didn't have seventeen years; we had three days. However, we still covered an incredible amount of Washington: Mount Vernon, The Supreme Court, The United States Capitol Building, the National Archives, and Arlington Cemetery, as well as 9 of our nation's most meaningful, beautiful monuments. Adrian Gollub-Messiah commented, "The trip was really educational, but really fun at the same time!"

One of the first stops on the trip to DC was Mount Vernon, the historic site where the first president of our nation lived. Before the white house was built, George Washington resided in his mansion on top of Mount Vernon. Highlights of our visit to Mount Vernon were visiting his mansion, stable, and even seeing the very chair he sat in while he decided to revolt against the British.



Another very exciting point in our trip was our visit to the United States Capitol. Students saw the main dome of the capitol, the House of Representatives, and even visited the "Gallery" where congressmen sit while the

president delivers his State of the Union Address.



One of the most memorable moments of the trip was visiting the National Archives. Students had an opportunity to look at several exhibits focusing on our history, and even see the Declaration of Independence. Our Constitution and Bill of Rights were present as well, and looking at them left the student's mouth agape with disbelief.

All in all, the 2015 trip to Washington DC was beyond comparison. Mrs. Peralta commented, "The trip was outstanding, and the weather was wonderful. I personally had lots of fun." The students came back with an extensive knowledge of facts belonging to our history that most adults don't even know. We all learned an extensive amount about our Nation's government and how it was established, and perhaps next year, you can too!