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MCSWAIN STUDENTS VISIT JAMESTOWN

As an extension of their studies, the fourth grade students at McSwain Elementary School visited the Jamestown Settlement in Williamsburg, Virginia. The students toured the museum, learned about the English settlers and saw artifacts from the colony. The students explored an authentic Powhatan village where they had the opportunity to tour a Native American home, help build a canoe, and assist in cleaning a hide. On the nearby James River, the students boarded a replica of the *Susan Constant*, one of the ships that the English colonists sailed to Jamestown. They inspected both the top deck and the 'tween deck, where the colonists and sailors lived and slept. Finally, the students visited a re-created English fort. While at the fort, the students toured the Governor's house, a storehouse, the church, and watched a musket being fired. The students had a wonderful time learning and exploring and really appreciated the field trip experience, which will help them to master and recall the content as they take the Virginia Studies SOL test in the Spring.



McSwain 4th grade students
enjoy a field trip to Jamestown.

WARE STUDENTS INVESTIGATE APPLES

Ware Elementary's first grade students recently took a field trip to the apple orchard. While the students enjoyed picking their own apples and eating their harvest, they also learned a great deal, such as the life cycle of an apple, how apples grow, and the many and varied different uses for apples. The students continued their studies back in the classroom by conducting an investigation about apples that encompassed the Science Standards of Learning, answering questions such as, "Is there any solution that can keep apples from turning brown?"



Gavin Hunt examines parts of an apple and performs an experiment.



Eitan Polanco smiles as he shows the bag of apples he picked.