
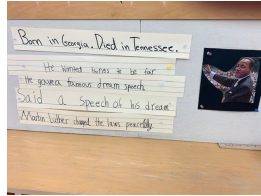
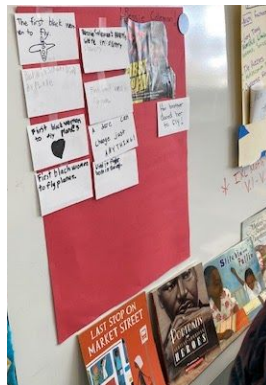
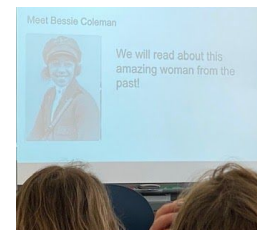
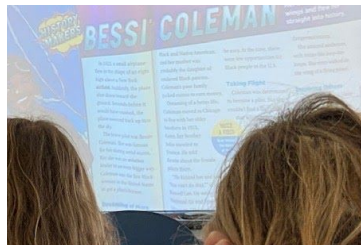


Our Woodside teachers are implementing and creating some wonderful lessons to commemorate and celebrate Black History Month. See below for some of the lessons that have already been planned:





Grade(s)/Subjects	Lesson
TK-2nd Grade:	<p>In the lower grades, students will read classic and modern stories written by black authors, as well as engage in biographies, songs, and poems to learn about important members in the black community. The link below highlights some of the stories and songs they are, or will choose. This is an active link, so please feel free to choose from any of the stories or songs embedded in the document here.</p>
3rd Grade:	<p>Third graders will read a story by black author, Faith Ringgold about a young, black girl in Harlem (Tar Beach). They will then create a quilt inspired by the character, Cassie.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Faith Ringgold is an American artist best known for her colorful quilt paintings about American history and politics. <i>Tar Beach</i>, her first book that was written for children, has collected awards ever since it was published in 1991. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Tar Beach</i> is the roof of Cassie’s Harlem apartment building, and her dearest wish is to be free to go wherever she wants to go. The book tells the story how she dreams of flying, and all the things she might see if she could. <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>



- This is a picture of a project the 3rd graders are currently working on called the “6 word memoir.” Students engage in conversations about members in the black community and summarize their accomplishments using this format. Most recently, the third graders learned about Bessie Coleman, the first black woman to fly. Students read her biography, reflected on her accomplishments, and wrote her six-word memoir and created a whole-class poster to represent this amazing woman.



- **Art in 3rd Grade:** Third grade studied Mark Bradford, an African American artist from Los Angeles. His work is about culture and community. Bradford is a community activist in the LA area. The students are taken through a series of prompts to create a collage

	<p>inspired by their community and culture as a final project.</p>
<p>4th Grade:</p>	<p>Students began working on a project researching modern black inventors and scientists. In this project, students learned about historical and modern figures who contributed in the realm of technology and science with their inventions, ideas, and creations.</p> <p>Shirley Ann Jackson</p>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Born August 5, 1946 (age 74 years) 2. American physicist. 3. The eighteenth president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. 4. She is the first African-American woman to have earned a doctorate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. 5. Has one child named Alan Washington 6. She wrote some books like Envisioning a 21st Century Science and Engineering Workforce for the United States: Tasks for University, Industry, and Government. 7. "Jackson conducted a number of successful theoretical physics experiments and made breakthrough scientific research that enabled others to invent the fax machine, touch-tone phone, fiber optic cells, solar cells and the technology behind caller ID and call waiting." 8. "Shirley Ann Jackson '68, PhD '73, worked to help bring about more diversity at MIT, where she was the first African-American woman to earn a doctorate. She then applied her mix of vision and pragmatism in the lab, in Washington, and at the helm of a major research university." <p>Marc Hannah</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marc R. Hannah was an electrical engineer 2. Hannah made the 3-D effects that was wa used widely 3. Marc Hannah made theses effects in these movies, Beauty and the Beast (1991), and Terminator 2 (1991) 4. "Marc graduated with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering in 1977." (From Black Past) 5. "He then attended Stanford University earning an M.S. in 1978 and a Ph.D. in electrical engineering in 1985." (From Black past) 6. Hannah worked with someone called, "Jim Clark" who worked on the 3-D with Hannah 7. Marc R. Hannah received many awards throughout his practice 8. Hannah was given the award of being Back Engineer of the year(1995)  <p>Marie Van Brittan Brown = Ana</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inventor of the first home security system 2. She is also credited with the invention of the first closed circuit television. 3. Brown was born on October 22, 1922 4. Brown got inspired by her neighborhood risk that her home faced in the neighborhood 5. Brown use to work as a nurse 6. Brown's husband was a electronics technician 7. Brown decided to find a way too see who was at her front door or who was outside her house 8. Brown died on february 2, 1999 age 76  <p>Lisa Gelobter</p>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lisa was born in 1971. 2. lisa invented founded and invented a program called shockwave that make animated things online. 3. Lisa also graduated from brown university with a degree in computer science in 1991. 4. she worked at the whitehouse as the chief digital service officer for the education department. 5. her mom was from the caribbean. 6. her dad is a holocust survivor. 7. she graduated from brown university when she was ONLY 20. 8. lisa is now the CEO of teQuitable it was founded in 2017.

5th Grade Art	5th graders completed their Famous African American unit in January. The students learned how to use a grid in art and did a drawing of a civil rights leader. They read stories about heroes and the kids did research on the people that they drew.
8th Grade ELA	<p>After Amanda Gorman's recitation at the inauguration, 8th graders engaged in a two day lesson analyzing her poem, discussing her learning differences, reading an article and watching her interview. They will be doing a follow up lesson towards the end of the month.</p> <p>Every Monday, Mrs. Valentine has a "Weekly Welcome" and she introduces the class to a SAT vocab word, a famous quote and usually a grammar joke. She tries to connect the quote and SAT word to what they are studying, so she has been sharing Dr. King quotes and speech segments, including "Letter from Birmingham Jail" to fit with their persuasive speech units from their study of <i>Julius Caesar</i>. In their Civil Rights unit leading into TKM, Mrs. Valentine is going to add Dr. King's speech to Middle Schoolers at Barratt Middle that Clark Weatherspoon shared with us. The Civil Rights background context for TKM will begin during Black History month.</p> <p>To kick off Black History month, the classes listened and analyzed Langston Hughes poem "I, too." 8th grade ELA begins several class periods each week by introducing students to books from the classroom library that pertain to what they are studying, and the focus lately has been on African American writers or books about African Americans.</p>

These are just a few of the lessons taught thus far. There are many upcoming lessons planned in each grade level. We'll be sure to highlight those very soon.

If you are looking for ways to discuss, celebrate, and commemorate Black History Month at home, please check out the following links:

- [Preschool/TK Literature](#)
- [Lower School Literature](#)
- [Upper School Literature](#)