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We Bring News From FCS Lower School



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Along the Silk Road

By Lauren Coss

This semester, fifth graders have been studying the Silk Road. In mid-April, 5A and 5B had a bazaar where they each sold something different, from silk to Turkish Delites!

The bazaar took place in Mr. Denton's classroom. Classes from Nursery through 4th grade all came to the 5th grade bazaar and learned how to haggle (debating on prices) and get to know the people you are buying from.

The whole room was colorful and beautiful, from the fragrant smell of spices and perfume to the Islamic art. Everyone had a blast and learned a lot.



A Skype With An Author

By Berlinda Beauvais and Ryan Packel

Photos by Tabby Kingsbury and Lindsay McCammon

On April 6th, the fifth graders Skyped with David J. Smith, the author of *If the World were a Village*. The book is about imagining the world's population as a village to help us understand who has access to the most resources in the world, such as water and electricity. 5A and 5B wrote questions to him ask about the book and his life.

Emily asked, "Why didn't you put other animals in the book, such as lions or elephants?" He said that he didn't include animals like lions and elephants because there are too few of them in the world and he didn't include cats or dogs because there are too many. Instead, he stuck with farm animals like sheep, chickens and cows.

Colleen asked, "Did you write any other books?" He answered, "Yes, three others. They're called *If America were a Village*, *This Child Every Child*, and *If: A Mindbending New Way to Look at Big Ideas and Numbers*."

Marcus asked "Why in the world did you use a village as a comparison?" He told us that he and his seventh grade class decided to use a village to bring down the numbers to a smaller scale.

The last question was from Annabella. "Do you have any kids?" "No," he said, "but I have a cat".

So that's how our Skype went with the Author David J. Smith!



Earth Day For All

By Gemma Kent and Marcus Chiang

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On Friday, April 15th, the whole Lower School went to the Upper School for an Earth Day assembly. The assembly started out with the jazz band playing music as the seniors escorted their kindergarten buddies in for their first all-school assembly.

Our Head of School, Mr. Sellers, talked about the Quaker Testimony of community, which is our Quaker theme for the year. Some Middle and Upper school teachers and students talked about how April is Earth Month. Mr. Grove, our dear friend and former science teacher, told us a story about how the earth came to be. The moral was to take care of our world and make a difference in our community. "Do something real," Mr. Grove said. Then we sang Mr. Grove a song called *What Can One Little Person Do* with his own special lyrics!

After that Mr. Sellers talked about who is retiring like Ms. Nelly and Mrs. Harris, who we will really miss. A student gave a little speech about their experience with a retiring teacher and a huge round of applause.

The Earth Day assembly might have been the most important assembly of the school year because it was a time for every single kid in the school to come together as a community.

