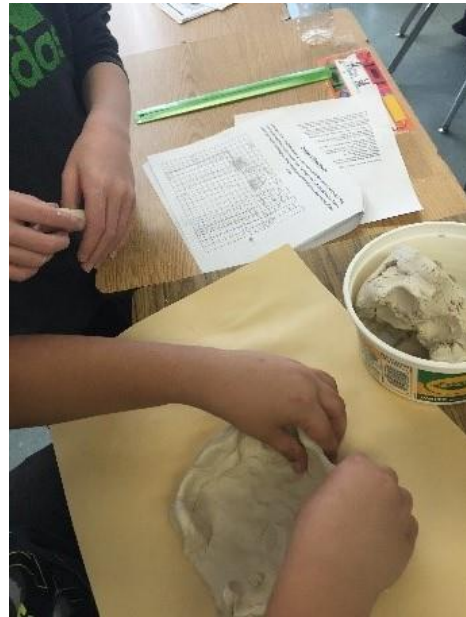


## Superintendent Highlight of the Week

March 13, 2015

as they spent time designing and creating new Abraham Lincoln Memorial monuments. After reviewing information about our 16th President, the children examined a series of photos of the Parthenon and other ancient ruins from Greece and compared them to the Lincoln Memorial. Working in groups, the children had to design a monument that included one symbol that would best represent President Lincoln and the style of the monument had to reflect one feature of the architectural time period in which he lived. The children drew detailed plans of a monument to scale on graph paper using information on different architectural styles from the 18th and 19th centuries. Once designs were completed, they created three-dimensional models using clay.



Fortunately, they had received useful clay techniques from a visiting artist earlier this year and were able to demonstrate their mastery while they constructed most impressive monuments. This learning experience exemplifies an ongoing initiative to incorporate STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) with 21st century skills, including communicating, critical thinking and collaborating. Most important, the children had fun working and learning together.

