Brandon Valley School District
District Learning Plan
April 6-10, 2020

Grade 2 Social Studies/Science

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## Brandon Valley School District Distance Learning Plan

**LESSON/UNIT:** Social Studies  
**SUBJECT/GRADE:** Science/Social Studies /2nd  
**DATES:** April 6 - 10

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<th>What do students need to do?</th>
<th>Monday - 4/6</th>
<th>Washington Monument project. Read the facts and look at the picture of the Washington Monument.</th>
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<td><strong>Tuesday - 4/7</strong></td>
<td>Build a model of the Washington Monument using whatever you can find around your house. Measure how tall your monument is in inches or feet. Record your measurement.</td>
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<td><strong>Wednesday - 4/8</strong></td>
<td>Write 3 interesting facts about the monument.</td>
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<td><strong>Thursday - 4/9</strong></td>
<td>Tell a person in your house why a monument was made in honor of George Washington.</td>
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<td><strong>Friday - 4/10</strong></td>
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| What do students need to turn in? | Three interesting facts about the Washington Monument. |

| What standards do the lessons cover? | 2.C.1.1 Explain the meaning behind our national symbols. |

| What materials do students need? | Needed: Monument facts and picture, materials from around their home, ruler or paper ruler from math, paper and pencil |

| What extra resources can students use? | |

| What can students do if they finish early? | Take a picture of you and your monument and send it to your teacher. |

| Who can we contact if we have questions? | **Brandon Elementary**  
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*Link to BV instructional video for week of April 6-10, 2020*
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Notes:

Instructional materials are posted below (if applicable)
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**Washington Monument Facts**

The Washington Monument was built to honor George Washington, who was the first American president. It is built in Washington, D.C., beginning in 1848. Construction was completed in 1884, despite a temporary halt from 1854 to 1879 due to lack of funds, and the American Civil War, among other issues. The monument was officially opened on October 9th, 1888, although it was dedicated on February 21, 1885. Once it was completed, it was the world's tallest structure. In 1889, the Eiffel Tower was completed and took the title of the world's tallest structure.

**Interesting Washington Monument Facts:**

- Although the monument was meant to honor George Washington, the first president, it was not completed until the 21st president was already in office.
- The monument was being planned in 1783, even before George Washington became president. It was being planned as a way to honor Washington as commander-in-chief of the American army during the Revolutionary War.
- When George became president, he didn't want to use public money for the monument and killed the project.
- George Washington died in 1799, and in 1833, a group began to raise money for the monument. They called themselves the Washington National Monument Society.
- The final design of the Washington Monument was quite different from Robert Mills' design.
- The monument's cornerstone included a portrait of George Washington, U.S. coins, a copy of the Constitution and newspapers.
- In 1854, money ran low and construction stopped. The monument was about 150 feet high at that point.
- When the construction was completed, and it opened to the public in 1888, it was just over 555 feet tall and weighed more than 81,000 tons.
- The monument has 50 flights of stairs.
- There are many memorials to George Washington, including schools, mountains, highways and cities and one state.
- An earthquake in 2011 damaged the monument and it has been closed for repair. It is estimated it will cost $15 million and will be reopened in 2014.
Image from NY Daily News