2022 Northern Neck History Fair

Exhibits on Colonial and Revolutionary Virginia by Chesapeake Academy 3rd Graders and Northumberland Elementary 4th Graders
A few years ago researchers in Williamsburg found a small white house called the Williamsburg Bray School. This school was open from 1760 – 1774 and it taught black children who were either slaves or free children. Even though it was nice for black children back then to have a chance to go to school and to learn how to write and maybe read, the school was still trying to control humans who had a different color skin.

The teachers were all white people and they taught black kids about God. They also taught the kids that they will always be black and that means they would be less important humans in the world.

We think it is important to learn about The Bray School because we are both children also who do not have white skin. We know that we deserve to learn and be treated just like other people and we are sad that the children at the Bray School did not have that chance.

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“Williamsburg Bray School”

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“Colonial Candy”
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I made a model of the Jamestown Church. It is the oldest surviving building in Virginia. The Tower, built in 1639, is the last standing building from when Jamestown was Capital of Virginia. It was made of brick and was 40 feet tall. It was burned during Bacon's Rebellion on September 16, 1676. The tower was repaired and a new church was built around 1666. In the 1720s they didn't use the church anymore. The red church in my model was built in 1607 and the tower was reused. An interesting thing I learned is that church services in Jamestown Fort were held fourteen times a week!

“Jamestown Church”

Curtrena Weldon
"Jamestown Ships 1607"

Jamie Lang and Eli Hamrick
“Virginia Homes Now and Then”
Hannah Hopkins and Annabel Clair
"The Children of Jamestown"

Alex Keplinger
“Jamestown Fort”
Lucas Rafael and Brantley Chance