MLK Activities at NCJH

Math:
Watching Hidden Figures, and answering math questions about the movie and characters.

Music:
Teach a lesson on the music of the Civil Rights Movement to music classes on Friday! Also have a song about the qualities of Martin Luther King that students rap while doing body percussion.

In choir students watch videos of civil rights marches and protests and sing the songs that are part of the videos.

Language Arts:
Social justice unit. Study speeches (Gettysburg Address / I have A Dream). Students read an interview with John Lewis (The Power of Non-Violence). Students work with a hyperdoc that hits on social justice issues that are very timely and current. Ultimately, they will create their own definition of social justice and will create an info graphic that we'll share with the classes in a gallery walk. At the end of the month, they will complete an essay they started before winter break on "Heeding the Call." which is an article that explains how events in MLK's young life influenced him to become a civil rights leader. Also, students will watch the film, The Children's March, which is a documentary about the children who marched in Birmingham in 1963 before the march on Washington.

Personal Development 8:
Students are discussing violence in society this week and one of the topics in “hate crimes” and within that topic we are discussing different prejudices that exist in society.

Global Studies:
Global issues research – many of the issues relate to topics MLK championed, ranging from poverty, war, human rights, and poverty. AS part of the research students are challenged to explore what they can do civically, academically and personally to respond to their issues...just like the ‘actions’ MLK inspired in his day.

Before we engage in our research we’ll review who MLK was and his message and accomplishments. We’ll also reference the Women’s March on Washington that’s about to happen the following day in context of the many marches that MLK organized. I was in Memphis 2 weeks ago and visited the Civil Rights museum and took pictures of the Lorraine hotel (where MLK was shot). I’ll show pictures and story tell a bit about this.