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## Terra Linda fifth-graders share their Constitution expertise with lawmakers

BY JESSIE KIRK

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**Nance Case and Jeff Axman's fifth-grade classes know the law of the land.**

The Terra Linda Elementary School students have taken part in an in-depth course on the United States Constitution, making each of them experts on the intricacies of the important document.

And they weren't just memorizing the Preamble. The program, called "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution," is a program funded by Congress that helps young people explore why the founding fathers drafted the Constitution, how it has changed and what are the modern-day challenges it faces.

"We The People' encourages students to have civil discussions on issues like freedom of expression or personal freedom versus the common good," Case explained of the dynamic program.

Last month, her students put their knowledge of the Constitution to the test. In groups, the students made a presentation to a panel of experts and then answered their questions.

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