

## 4th Grade Ray School Students Visit Webster Cottage

In collaboration with the historians and volunteers at Hanover Historical Society, World Story Exchange led the entire Ray School 4th Grade on a journey of historical discovery for the third year in a row.

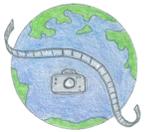
Webster Cottage was the study site, and all the artifacts therein provided inspiration for students as they fulfilled visual arts and documentary assignments including drawing, writing and photography. HHS Historians shared a brief history of Webster Cottage and answered many questions the students asked.

World Story Exchange worked with each of the four 4th grade classes three times. The first class at Ray School introduced students to the history of Hanover through a screening of historic photographs from the archives of the Hanover Historical Society. The second class was the walking field trip to Webster Cottage. The third class was a writing assignment for the students to compile their photos, drawings and notes into a description of their experience.

Prior to the start of the project, 4th grade Ray School teachers brought students to visit the State House in Concord, NH as well as the New Hampshire Historical Society.

4th grade Ray School student sketches their selected historical piece - the wooden/glass cabinet at Webster Cottage, June 2025





Historians Cindy Bittinger and Alan Callaway answer questions. This year, many students inquired about the piano.

