

KDS Fifth Graders Learn about the Exploration of Mars

KDS fifth grade students were recently given the opportunity to learn more about exploration of the planet Mars and the types of jobs and skills that will be needed to accomplish the travel of humans



to that planet. The students participated in interactive presentations by Dr. Tom Percy, an aerospace engineer with NASA. Dr. Percy talked to the students about the importance of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) skills in calculating how to travel to Mars and noted that children their age would be the next astronauts in about 20 years. He also told the students that architect engineers are already designing living quarters for human explorers to live on Mars someday.

After the presentation, the students eagerly asked questions. In fact, there was not enough time for all the questions. Fifth grade teacher Wendy Aultman promised to email all the unanswered questions to Dr. Percy, and he assured the children that responses would be provided as soon as possible.

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