

FILS students take part in JA

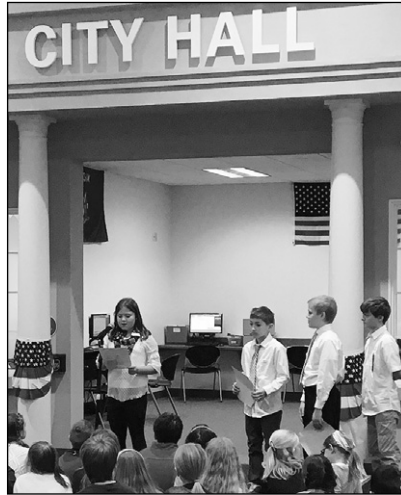
CEDARBURG — First Immanuel Lutheran School fourth- and fifth-graders attended a simulation day at Junior Achievement BizTown in January.

The visit to Junior Achievement BizTown provides students with an opportunity to practice being producers and consumers in their own town. The experience was “One of the best experiences I have ever done!” said Jae, a fourth-grader at First Immanuel. Her classmate, Graham, went on to say, “My favorite part was working on the computer and cashing money and helping people put money in their savings account.”

This unique opportunity is a cumulative activity for a curriculum that introduces students to real-world experience by showing them how to generate wealth and effectively manage it, how to create jobs which make their communities more robust and how to apply entrepreneurial thinking to the workplace.

Robin Roeske, a fifth-grade homeroom teacher and the fourth- and fifth-grade social studies teacher at First Immanuel, coordinates the program for the students. She helps the students prepare for the experience and finds this opportunity helps the students begin to see the world as young adults and start to relate to the working world.

Additional student comments about the experiences include, “JA Biztown was really fun and an easy way to learn about business,” said Casey, a fourth-grader. “I learned how to work in a real business and loved it,” shared Lauren, a fifth-grader. “The field trip was fun, creative and entertaining. JA Biztown is a great experience,” said Jace, a fifth-grader.



Photos submitted

Students gather at City Hall for an opening meeting.



Left and right, students from First Immanuel Lutheran School participate in activities during their visit to Junior Achievement BizTown.