

# MRS. OROZCO

For the hero project, my fourth & fifth grade students learned about two heroes; a hero from the past and a present day hero. Students learned about **Booker T. Washington**, a former slave, who became an educator, writer, orator, African-American leader and an advisor to four US Presidents. Students also learned about **Jessica O. Matthews** who invented SOCCET (a soccer ball that generates energy and light for poor families in undeveloped regions of the world). Jessica was only 19 years old when she invented SOCCET. Poor children now have light in their homes for reading, homework and cooking at night.

Using the chromebooks, students viewed a few videos about each hero. Using Google Read & Write students highlighted and jotted down a note page about one of the heroes. Some students also used the dictionary feature or heard the passages read aloud. I read the students the book **More Than Anything Else** by Marie Bradby which is about Booker T. Washington as a young boy yearning to learn how to read. Finally, students wrote compositions about one of the heroes and what makes them a hero.

# HEROES



### Up From Slavery

Booker T. Washington  
1856-1915  
Wrote 'Up From Slavery' in 1901  
Inspired millions of African Americans  
to seek education and economic  
independence.



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