

# Miss Falchetta – Grade 1

In Miss Falchetta's First Grade class we chose **George Washington** as our Hero for the Harrison School's Hero Project. A hero is a person who is admired for great or brave acts or fine qualities; a person who is greatly admired for accomplishments. In Social Studies, we have been learning about many American Heroes. When choosing a hero to focus on, we thought about this definition and all the people we have been learning about this year. We read many books about George Washington and looked closely at his life. We made logical inferences and all agreed that George Washington is a true hero. One fact we learned was that he emerged as the most significant leader in the founding of the United States of America. George Washington is known as the "Father of our Country". This is very remarkable considering that he lived during a period in history when he was surrounded by some great thinkers... heroes in their own right. Men such as Ben Franklin, John Adams, Sam Adams, Patrick Henry, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison just to name a few. These men were considered very smart and far more educated than George Washington. As we gathered information for the timeline of George Washington's life we collected evidence that supports the thinking that George Washington demonstrated persuasiveness, strength, courage, character and honor in his lifetime. He was a man with great ideas. The great men who surrounded George Washington recognized these characteristics and felt that he was the best man to be our first president, so he was chosen and unanimously elected to be the first leader of our nation. To receive this honor many people believed in him because throughout his life he demonstrated the characteristics of a real hero. We

