

# Mrs. West – Grade 4

Mrs. West's class selected **Katherine Johnson** for our hero! We felt that this "Hidden Figure" was the perfect choice because she fought to combat racial and gender inequality to become a world famous mathematician and physicist, working as a "Human computer" within the Aeronautical Space industry and for NASA. She and her 3 colleagues worked behind the scenes in connection with our space program to utilize early digital electronic computers to transport such famous astronauts as John Glenn and Neil Armstrong safely to the moon and back, without being acknowledged for their vital role in these world changing events until decades later. Our class watched videos, reflected on images, and read several biographies to learn more about Katherine Johnson's amazing life. We then researched about her early life, legacy, awards won, and obstacles she faced to present on our bulletin board display. Katherine Johnson is our hero!

