



### **White Oak Plantation Field Trip**

On Tuesday, March 14, the Elementary Gifted classes of Nassau County made their annual visit to White Oak Plantation. This year students have been studying various species of rhinoceros while focusing on conservation. During their trip, the students visited the White Rhino, the Indian Rhino, and the Black Rhino enclosures as they conducted an ethogram study on the animals. After spending time learning about rhinoceros, they moved on to the Somali enclosure to watch as one animal received a routine check-up and veterinary care in the field. Another exciting part of the day was riding the trolley through the Zebra enclosure to see these animals up close. Students were able to take a break from the bitter cold and tour Gillman Hall. After lunch, students were taken to the Giraffe area where they were able to feed giraffes. Finally, the class was able to tour the medical clinic where the on-staff veterinarians care for the animals, and see one of the largest “frozen zoos”. This has been a great partnership with White Oak Plantation and our Nassau County Gifted Program giving students a great perspective on conservation as well as other cultures.

