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Dexter, Missouri - On Thursday, November 12, 2015 the Southwest Elementary School 2nd Grade students held a Fall Musical in honor of veterans. Each dressed in red, white, and blue and presented a tribute to local veterans.

Under the direction of Mr. James Eldreth, the students sang a medley of songs including *American, Land of the Free, Yankee Doodle, The Open Sea, On Land, on Sea, and in the Air, Flying, and Veterans Day Rap.*

The Boy Scouts presented the Colors and students entered the gym with an instrumental piece "Semper Paratus", the U.S. Coast Guard Song.

For the grand Finale the students performed America, Land of the Free. Announcer Jonas Shoemaker yelled the names of each song: "The United States Coast Guard", "The United States Army", "The United States Navy", "The United States Marines", and the "United States Air Force with solos by Lauren Sindle "The Caissons Go Rolling Along", Hailey Merrick "Anchors Aweigh", and Klaire Essner "Marines' Hymn."

Taps was played at the end of the performance by trumpeters James Eldreth and Adam Clark.

After Taps the children marched out of the gym to an instrumental piece "Off We Go Into the Wild Blue Yonder", the U.S. Air Force Song.

What a great celebration and the students learned much about patriotism and veterans during their rehearsals for the big show.

If you would like a video of the "We Honor the Brave" musical contact Mr. Eldreth by November 20th at Southwest Elementary. They are only \$10 and all proceeds go to purchase instruments and materials for the Southwest music classroom.

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