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The *RD* Washington Illustrated

Dear Diary,

I don't even know where to begin. Everyone was so tired this morning at breakfast that even the runny eggs were walking. Haha.

The first event of the day was a trip to tour the Capitol building. Apparently we were lucky to get inside because once in, we found out that our tour would be cut a little short due to a "suspicious package" that had been found somewhere inside the building. The group scheduled 30 minutes after us didn't even get in. So we were unable to see the gallery but it was still awesome to see the rotunda and many of the statues inside the Capitol building.



After that we walked to the Supreme Court building. After standing in line for what seemed like hours we were finally admitted to the court room to hear a lecture about the history of the room, the artwork that makes up the room, and the workings of the Supreme Court.

From there we did a quick tour of the library of congress. Can you believe that there are over 500 miles of bookshelves inside that place? Crazy! Mrs. Schenkel would loooooovvvveeee that place.





Then we went and had our "official" group photo taken outside the Capitol building. I still can't figure out why Mr. Wit was running around behind the group while the photo was being taken. Maybe we'll figure it out some day.

After the photo we were dropped off outside the National Air and Space museum. We got to choose an adult to go with for the afternoon to explore all the different Smithsonian museums. Our choices included the National Archives, the Natural History Museum, and the Air and Space Museum. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jordan for taking a group of 14 of us. Those are two very special people.



From there we boarded the buses again and went to see the FDR, and the Thomas Jefferson Memorials. These were two very different experiences. The FDR memorial is very people friendly filled with many different statues, and quotes to commemorate his life. The Jefferson Memorial is much more reverent. Jefferson does have the best view of the White House though.

After a long day walking all around Washington we returned back to the hotel for a dinner of fried chicken, mashed potatoes and vegetables. After dinner we had a surprise visit from George Washington Carver who told us about his life and the many different inventions he came up with using the peanut.





Tomorrow will be another busy day. It includes a trip to the White House and Arlington National Cemetery along with many other stops. I need to get some sleep now but I'll write more tomorrow. Hope you enjoy some of the pictures I took today.

"Good Night" ...I mean "Good Morning!"
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