



On January 30th and 31st, Ballard 5th graders went to Junior Achievement BizTown in Des Moines. This trip was the capstone experience to the [Junior Achievement of Central Iowa](#) program they had studied during December and January. Throughout the program, students were engaged in lessons covering financial literacy, the relationship between community and economy, work readiness skills, and business management. Specific lessons included; learning how to write and endorse checks, job interviewing, stock market investments, soft skills for employment, and writing advertisements for a business (just to name a few!) Teachers and students alike will tell you this was an incredibly valuable experience, and we look forward to attending JA BizTown again in the future!