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Hour of Code in Demarest Public Schools

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During the week of December 4 – 11, over 100 students at Demarest Middle School participated in activities to mark the Hour of Code Week. The Hour of Code™ began as a national movement, but it has grown into a global event reaching tens of millions of students in more than 180 countries. The goal is for students to spend at least one hour during the week writing computer code. The hope is that, by exposing students to coding consistently, more children will consider careers in computer science and technology fields.

Students in grades five and six used a block programming language called Scratch, written by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Fifth graders created their own animated versions of Google's famous "Google Doodles". Sixth graders used the same program to write a vocabulary review.

Students in eighth grade are using another product from MIT called App Inventor 2. They worked on coding a mobile app that will run on the Android platform. When complete, the app will serve as a review activity of material learned in science and social studies classes.



Above are the students of DMS

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