

Educa

Spanish explorer Ferdinand de Soto enters
visiting the Indian town of Pacah



ASU GK12 program continues at Wilson campus - Patti Misner, sixth grade teacher, and Amanda Suter, fourth grade teacher at South Mississippi County Elementary at Wilson, will continue the GK12 program this school year. Anastasia Woodard, an Arkansas State University student working on her PhD in molecular biosciences, will be the Fellows participating. The program goals are to improve Fellows' communication to a broad audience, enhance teachers' science experience, improve students' interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and strengthen ASU and school districts' partnerships. This is Misner's fourth year to participate in the program. "My students are always excited about the program. They receive unique experiences and are provided a 'contemporary face to science'. Woodard will offer fresh perspective to lessons and be a valuable part of the science curriculum. I strongly believe Fellows have a positive impact on students," Misner said. The students said having the Fellow in class makes science more fun and increases their confidence in science. Suter is excited about participating in the program for the second year. Both teachers and Fellows attended a week-long training session at ASU to prepare for this year. This grant is funded by the National Science Foundation.

- Under the Microscope -



Students study tissues - Patti Misner's sixth grade science class at South Mississippi County Schools at Wilson recently studied tissues under the microscope. The students examined skin cells, blood cells and muscle cells with the use of a microscope. Prior to the study, each student was asked to draw a picture of what he/she predicted each kind of tissue would like under the microscope. Anastasia Woodard, GK12 Fellow, led the instruction.





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