

STUDENT HISTORY DETECTIVES EXPLORE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

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Last month a Corcoran broker spotted something unusual outside a W. 71st Street row house: a cluster of school kids, clipboards in hand, talking excitedly about stoops and pointing up at

classroom study, in Spanish and English, with child-focused walking tours and hands-on design and building projects for K-5 students from every corner and population of the Upper West Side.



"Building Detectives" on the hunt on the UWS

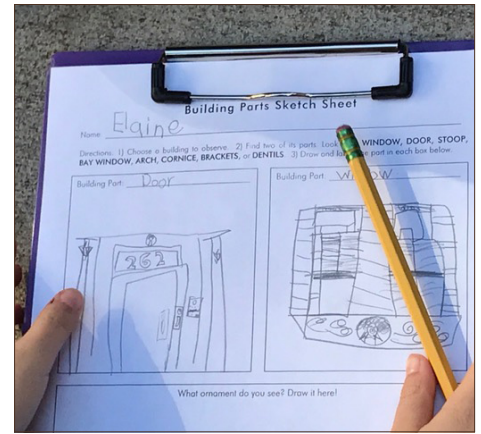
cornices. Was this a junior appraisers team in training? No – it was a second grade class from PS 199's "Building Detectives" on the hunt!

Each school year local Upper West Side NGO LANDMARK WEST! introduces some 1,500 elementary school kids – the next generation of preservationists and community advocates – to architecture, neighborhood history and historic preservation through its award-winning education program, Keeping the Past for the Future.

Available free of charge to NYC schools since 1995, Keeping the Past for the Future integrates

"Our students not only sketched and designed, wrote poetry and learned new vocabulary, they were also thinking deeply about the whys and hows and making connections between the past, present and future," enthused PS 9 second grade teacher Cindy Merkelson. "Most importantly, they had enormous fun while learning important and exciting information."

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out KPF's innovative workbook, My Preservation Journal, neighborhood maps, historic photos, art supplies, and more all free online at <http://www.landmarkwest.org/education>.

Want KPF in your school? Contact Rudie Hurwitz, Youth Education Director, at landmarkwest@landmarkwest.org.

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