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### Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten's "Field Trip" to a Farm Animals Petting Zoo

Heritage Oak's Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten students had an "on campus field trip" to a real live farm animal petting zoo, which was set up on the school's campus last week. In addition to the traditional petting zoo animals, children and adults were treated to an up close and personal visit with a camel and a Scottish Highland Cow! The Scottish Highland Cow, with her long hair, looked more like a giant sheep or a bear and was definitely one of the children's favorite.

During each class visit which lasted about 1 hour, each child was given one cup full of carrots and greens to feed the smaller animals. These included sheep, lambs, pigs, bunnies, chickens, and a goat. They were allowed to pet all of the animals, with the exception of the camel. The camel, nick named "Naomi" was very gentle and well behaved and enjoyed all the children's "Oohs and Aahs",

After the field trip, each child was given the opportunity to tell the teacher and class mates what their favorite animal was and at least every animal was picked as someone's favorite.

Heritage Oak is a traditional school appealing to parents who are seeking a proven curriculum and a safe, nurturing environment. Community awareness, academic achievement, and family values are just part of a program that focuses on the development of the whole child.

The U.S. Department of Education bestowed its highest honor upon Heritage Oak when it awarded the school the 1998-1999 "Blue Ribbon" award. The "Blue Ribbon", our Nations most prestigious education award, distinguishes Heritage Oak for its excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement, parent involvement, and community support.