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Heritage Oak Presents "The Night Before Christmas"

Heritage Oak's Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten students presented their annual Holiday show for family and friends on Wednesday, December 13. The show was performed in Heritage Oak's beautiful new combination gymnasium and theater. The theme this year was "The Night Before Christmas". The show was a truly delightful program of Christmas songs about the excitement of Christmas Eve and the arrival of Santa Claus. All of the children and their teachers wore pajamas and slippers and performed on a beautifully decorated stage full of lighted Christmas trees, colorful presents, stuffed animals and jolly old St. Nick himself. After the show each child was individually introduced and given a hug and a candy cane from Santa.

It was a wonderful experience for everyone involved and for the families and friends who came to watch. The level of the children's singing and their adorable hand motions was very impressive, and could not have been accomplished without the effort and patience of all the Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten teachers. Children in the Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten program at Heritage Oak range in age from 3 to 5 years.

An encore performance was presented to the entire school Thursday morning. Also included in this show was the Middle School Reader's Theater group who performed readings, songs, and dances in honor of the holidays, under the direction of Mrs. Paysen. The Reader's Theater Group is one of Middle School's electives and for this show, students went as far as sacrificing their lunch breaks in order to assure a very high quality and enthusiastic show that everyone enjoyed

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 a 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 Nation's most prestigious education award, distinguishes Heritage Oak for its excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement, parent involvement, and community support.