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Mummies Teach Leadership

As a part of Heritage Oak's "Living Skills" series of classes, students in sixth and seventh grade were asked to take on the role of group leaders to anticipate what might go wrong with an activity that involved bringing mummies back to life.

While group leaders predicted and prioritized potential activity issues, group members created mummies thanks to several generously sized rolls of toilet paper.

"I was very impressed with the degree of detail our group leaders were able to anticipate as they prepared their lists of what might go wrong," said instructor Tom Healey. "Of course, the 'mummy makers' had the most fun, and perhaps most challenging job of 'creating' the mummies themselves."

There was no shortage of students who volunteered to become mummies, but they soon learned that the task meant standing very still while being wrapped in several layers of toilet paper. Ultimately, their fun came as the strips of paper were torn from their bodies, and they were free once more to roam the catacombs.

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