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From Pen pals to Video Conferencing

Heritage Oak students are corresponding with students from its sister school Instituto San Roberto, which is located in Monterrey, Mexico. Students began their communication by establishing pen pals in corresponding grades. They were able to develop friendships, learn about each other's culture and discuss global issues through the written word.

Next, students participated in video conferences. This gave each student the opportunity to visually meet their pen pal. In addition, students discussed global issues with each other, such as deforestation. In the months to come, teachers and students will collaborate to raise awareness about this threatening global issue with huge stakes for the planet. Together they will develop solutions to eradicate deforestation. This technological experience will transpire throughout the 2008-2009 school year. Teachers and students alike are excited to delve into such a unique and worthy experience.

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 part of its 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.