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## Heritage Oak Third Graders Participate in Hands-on Deforestation Lesson

As part of the third grade “Touchpoints” curriculum, children in Ms. Acharya’s class at Heritage Oak Private Education have been studying deforestation--the causes, consequences, and how to decrease or stop it. Last week, a parent volunteer came to the classroom to discuss the importance of saving our trees. As part of the lesson, she brought rosemary plants for every child to care for and discussed the importance of taking care of the earth and how each child can make a difference. After a little bit of gardening, the students enjoyed eating some rosemary bread. This hands-on activity allowed the children to become proactive about caring for the environment.

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