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## Heritage Oak Students Attend “Writing Bootcamp”

Third graders at Heritage Oak Private School participated in an intense Writing Boot Camp during the first week of school. The children learned about the 6 Traits of Writing: Ideas and Content, Organization, Word Choice, Voice, Sentence Fluency, and Conventions. After using cluster webs, lists, and brainstorming, students combined these amazing thoughts to create an outline. The students learned how to write a topic sentence, three detail sentences, and a closing sentence. In order to challenge the class throughout boot camp, the teachers instructed each student to write two to three paragraph assignments every day. Each young author ended the boot camp with many creative stories in his/her portfolio, a passion for writing, and an excellent foundation to build upon during the third grade year.

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.