



Gage Elementary School

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(Mission Times Courier, San Diego, CA) There are many ways students are inspired at Gage. One popular approach is to pair older children with younger ones and allow the older students to enjoy the role of "mentor". In this role, students can engage in a variety of activities such as academics, art, music, drama and celebrations of cultural events. On September 30th Anah E's dad came to Gage to share the songs, language, games, and clothing of the Chumash Indians with Mrs. Hire's 4th grade class and their 1st grade reading buddies. The beauty of the songs and the touch of the feathers and animal skins gave students deeper insight into Native American history and culture. This shared experience fostered a closeness between students that will continue to grow through the year. The following are student accounts of this visit:

America (1st grade): I enjoyed learning about the Chumash tribe. My favorite part was bow and arrows and I like when Mr. Ray sang the songs named Tacky Tuck and Ocean Song.

Keith W. (4th grade): Last Friday, Anah's dad gave our class a presentation about Native Americans. My favorite part of the presentation was when we got to shoot bow and arrows. He showed us badger skins and games like Shiny, which is like field hockey, except they use long sticks and round stones.

Some other Gage happenings this month: On October 9th the Elks Lodge #168 donated a student copy of Webster's Dictionary to every 3rd grade student which was greatly appreciated. The Gage PTA will sponsor a Carnival on October 27 from 3 -6 pm for students, families, and community members.