4th Grade Native American Life: A Walk Back in Time

"This field trip aligned perfectly with our Native American curriculum. This field trip was a favorite for the students as well as the teachers." - 4th Grade Teacher

OVERVIEW

Through hands-on learning students will experience the life of the California Native American by playing games, gathering and trading and learning how the landscape of southern California influenced the way the native peoples adapted to their environment.

COMPLIMENTARY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

ADVENTURES IN ARCHAEOLOGY: DIGGING UP CLUES FROM THE PAST

This pre-field trip presentation gives an intriguing look into the culture and customs of our local Native American tribes before the arrival of Europeans. Students unearth clues from the past to see how California Indians lived and adapted to life in southern California.

STANDARDS

- History and Social Science Standards 4.2.1
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.4.2, 4.4
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL. 4.2, 4.6

HANDS-ON FIELD TRIP ACTIVITIES

- GATHER AND TRADE: Students gather natural resources from two distinct ecosystems and trade with neighboring tribes.
- RESOURCEFUL PLANTS: Students go on a scavenger hunt to discover native plant uses by the California Indians.
- ABUNDANT ANIMALS: Students make observations and inferences to determine native uses of animal parts, such as bones, feathers, and fur.
- STORYTELLING AND MUSIC: Students explore the sounds of hand-crafted instruments while listening to California Indian legends.
- GAME ON: Students play Native American games of skill and games of chance that aided California Indians in everyday survival.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS on THE RESERVE at RANCHO MISSION VIEJO

Field trips and assemblies can be scheduled throughout the school year. For details and registration, please call 949.489.9778 or email Education Coordinator, Bonnie McQuiston at bmcquiston@rmvreserve.org.

