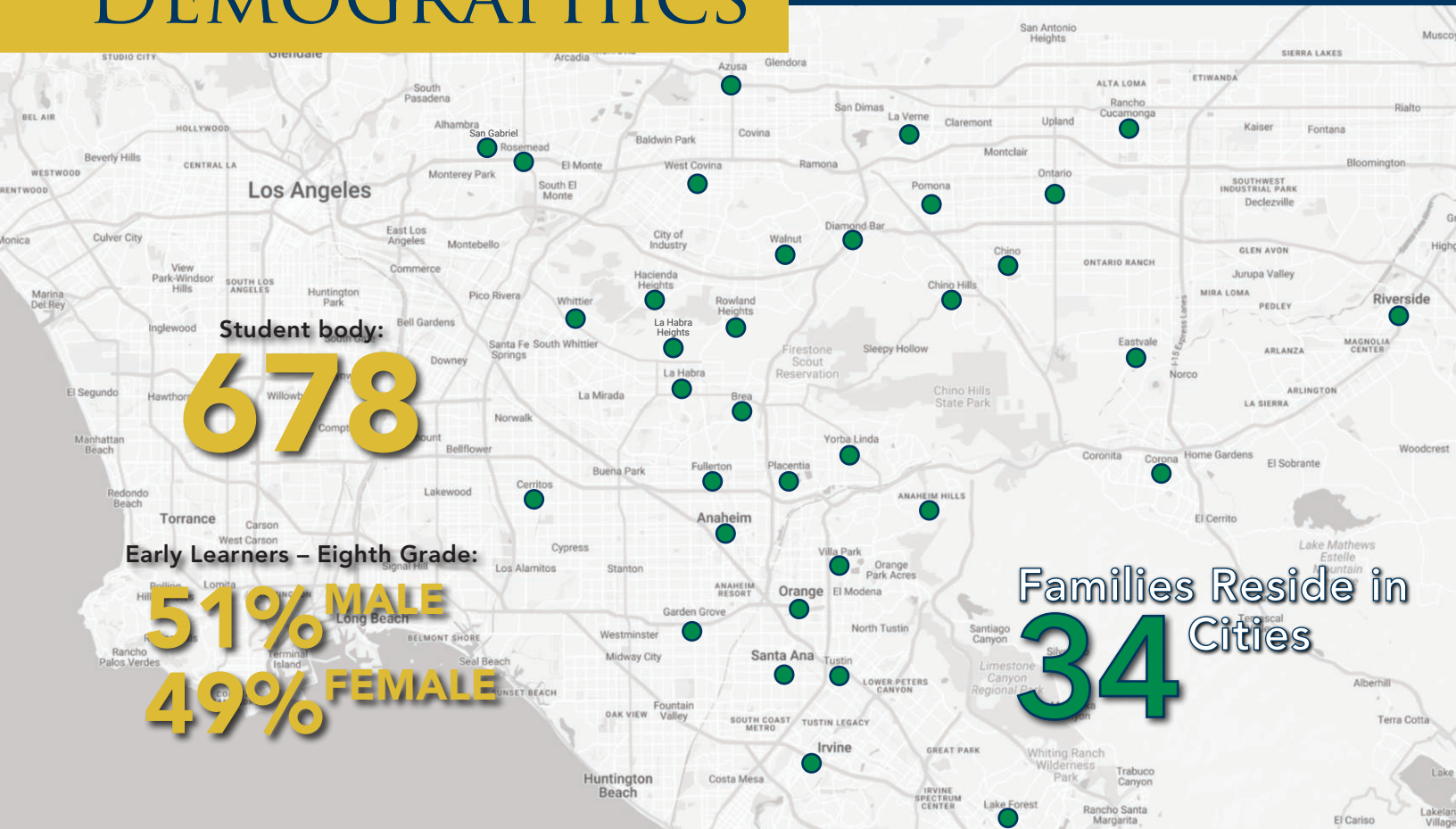




ANNUAL REPORT

2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

DEMOGRAPHICS



SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Named **BEST** Single Location Private School
by *Parenting OC Magazine* for the 7th year

Second Grade Teacher Ms. Tafolla named one of the Top 25
Teachers in Orange County by *Parenting OC Magazine*

Earned "A+" Rating on Niche Review Site



SCHOOL INVESTMENTS



New

ATHLETIC TURF ON TWO YARDS

LEGO ROBOTICS

added to Computer Science Program



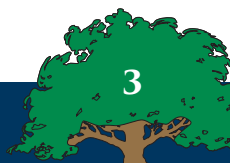
New

HEALTH AND NUTRITION CURRICULUM WITH YOGA AND PICKLEBALL

in Physical Education



AND MORE: Integration of *Book Whisperer* strategies to foster a love for reading and My View textbooks in Pre-K to align with academic requirements.



HIGHLIGHTS

OCSEF - Orange County Science and Engineering Fair

- Jingwei G. received honorable mention in the Environmental Science category
- Riyan R. earned a special award from the Sea Sage Audubon Society for environmental education
- Jasper K. was awarded honorable mention in the Environmental Science and Engineering Group and received a special award from the Orange County Water District



Sage Hill Math Invitational

- Overall second place - 7th/8th grade (Emily P., Peter Z., Jasper K.)



Sports Program



Middle School Girls Volleyball

The Middle School Girls Volleyball took home the Tri-Way League Championship trophy after a stellar season



DSL Girls Football

The DSL Girls Volleyball Team earned the DSL Championship banner in their final game after a fantastic season



DSL Boys Basketball

The DSL Boys Basketball team secured the championship after an extraordinary season



THE ARTS



Musical Theatre

- Over 120 HOPE performers lit up the Curtis Theatre stage as they brought Disney's *The Little Mermaid JR.* to life

Orange County Spelling Bee

- Eighth grade student Elizabeth H. placed 4th in the Orange County Spelling Bee

Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association

- Two students were selected to represent the school in the regional honor band and orchestra

Worldstrides Anaheim

- 2nd Year Orchestra - Gold Rating (invitation to Festival of Gold)
- 6th Grade Band - Silver Rating
- 7/8th Grade Band - Silver Rating and 2nd Place (invitation to Festival of Gold)
- "Stand Out" Award - 8th Grader Madison B. (recognized by Disneyland and Worldstrides)

Worldstrides Festival of Gold San Francisco

- Middle School Orchestra

Art Samples



JUNIOR K

"Monet Water Lillies"
(Oil Pastel)



KINDERGARTEN

"Kandinsky Circles"
(Oil Pastel)



1ST GRADE

"Rainbow Umbrella Painting"
(Watercolor)



2ND GRADE

"Fantastical Landscape"
(Mixed Media)



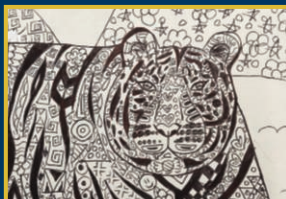
3RD GRADE

"Cezanne Still-Life"
(Oil Pastel)



4TH GRADE

"Mona Lisa Replica"
(Mixed Media)



5TH GRADE

"Zentangle"
(Ink)



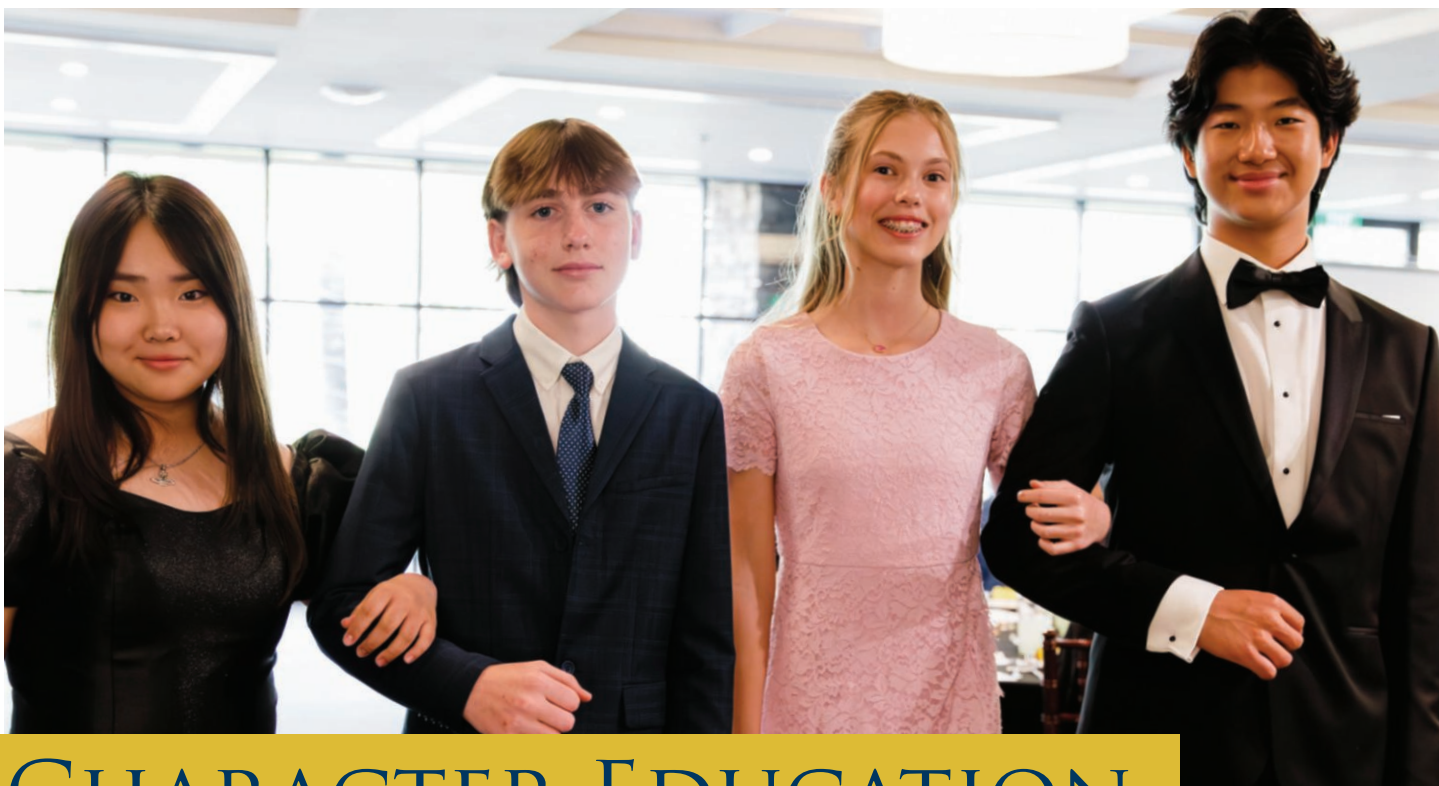
6TH-7TH COMBO CLASS

"Full Moon Painting"
(Acrylic on Canvas)



"Breathe in Hope"
(T-Shirt Graphic Design Contest)





CHARACTER EDUCATION

Heritage Oak is known in the community for its dedication to encouraging and rewarding positive character traits.

Please see the sample of our 2023-24 character education efforts to the right and on the next page.

- Daily formal greetings in all classrooms
- Digital Citizenship incorporated into the curriculum to raise awareness regarding bullying and cyberbullying
- Assemblies where student character was recognized
- Cotillion classes beginning in second grade (instruction in dining, etiquette, interview skills, and formal dancing)
- Third Grade Royal Ball – Culminating the study of Grimm's Fairy Tales
- Thanksgiving Feasts
- Virtues discussed weekly in the classroom
- National Junior Honor Society service organization in Middle School
- Middle School students worked with humanitarian agencies that encouraged them to give back to the less fortunate
- Second Step Social-Emotional Learning Program in JK-8th Grade



- The Kindness Crew and Husky Heroes organized multiple kindness challenges and raised funds to promote kind acts throughout the campus and community.
- Participated in National Bullying Prevention Month to support the fight against bullying and cyberbullying
- Students painted kindness rocks to distribute around campus and the local area
- Participated in Mental Health Awareness month and raised almost \$2,000 for CHOC's Pediatric Mental Health Unit
- Over 2,000 Acts of Kindness were performed by students schoolwide
- Students created seasonal cards for the community
- Held canned food drive for Canning Hunger, collected toys for the LAPD Toy Drive, and donated clothing items to Working Wardrobes
- Supported pediatric cancer research, the American Lung Association, and Children's Hospital of Orange County



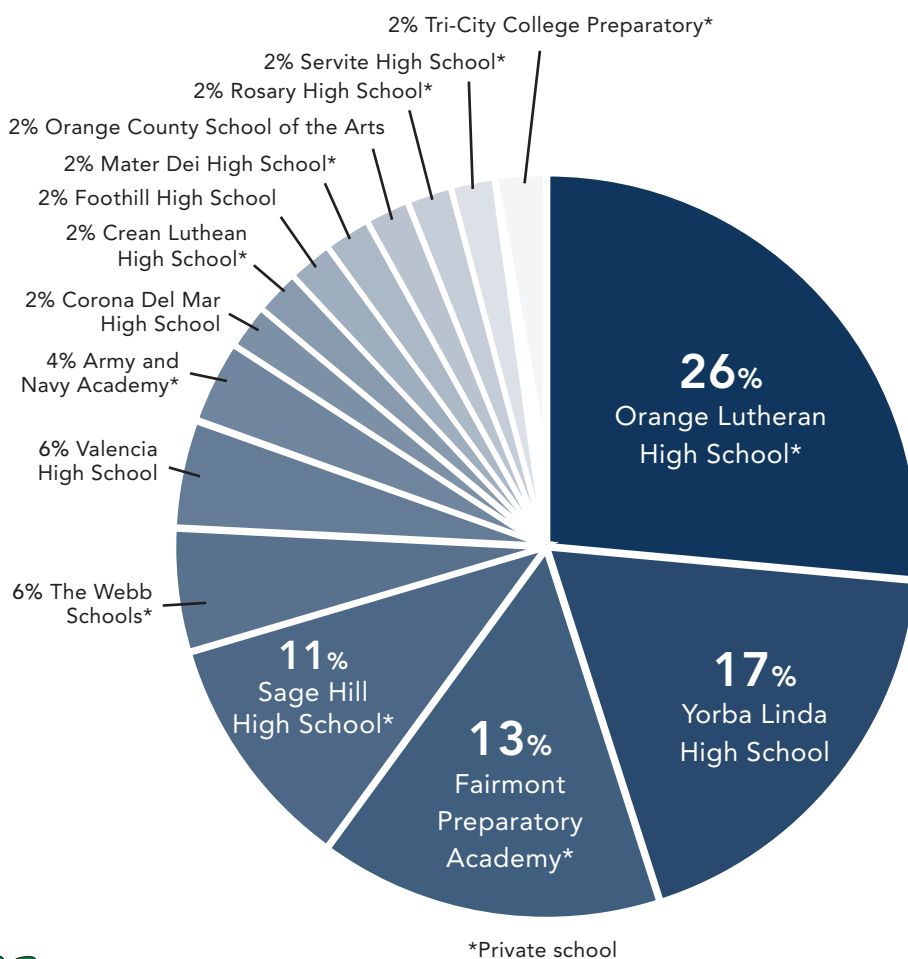
SMART START

Heritage Oak's Smart Start program allowed students who matured physically and did not require a nap to extend their learning each afternoon and explore the world around them. Students became knowledgeable as they studied the seven continents, geography, and various cultures. They also integrated their own ideas and critical-thinking skills into each lesson.





GRADUATING CLASS



100%

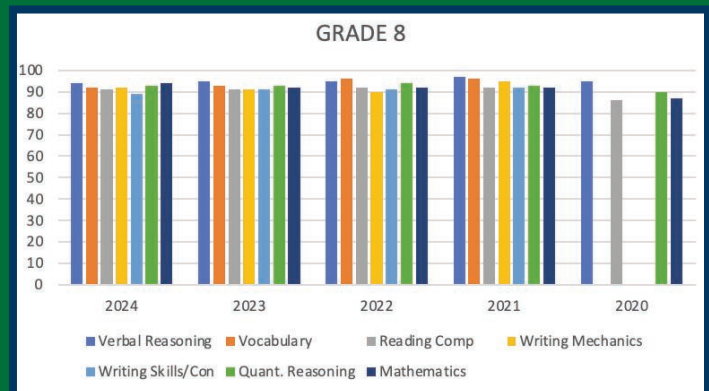
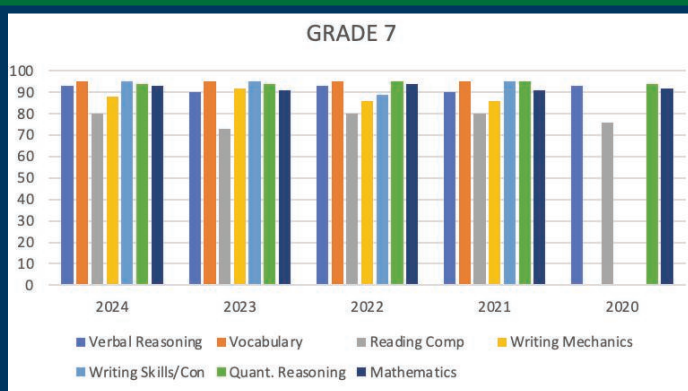
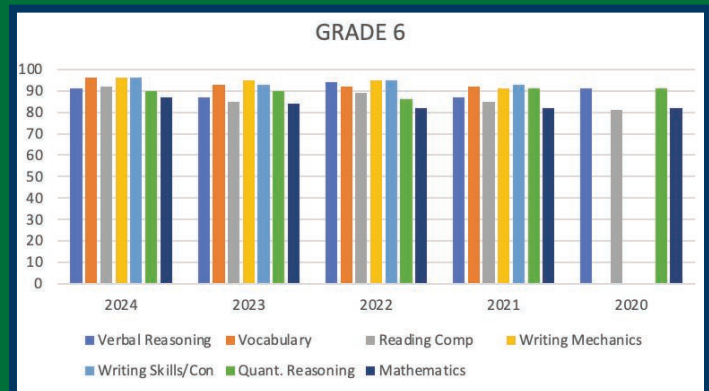
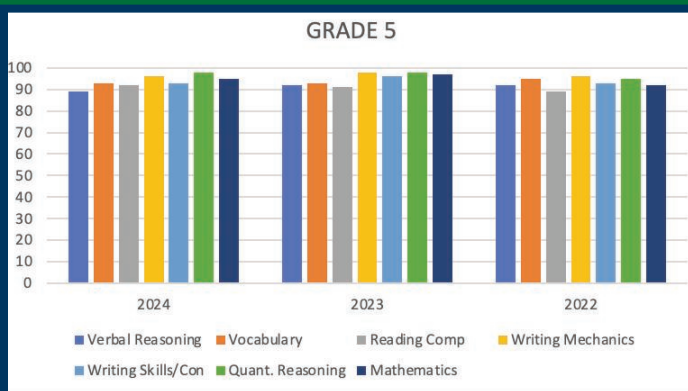
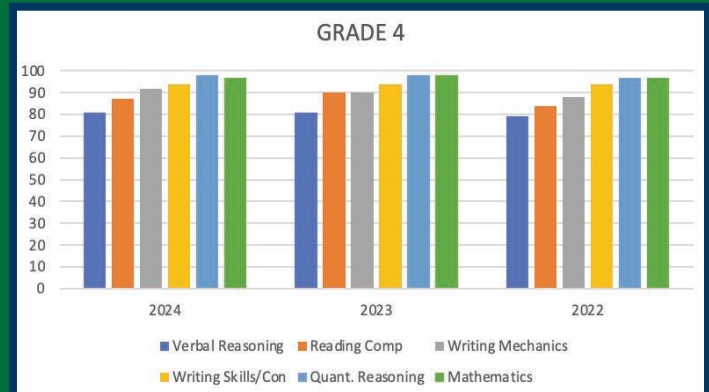
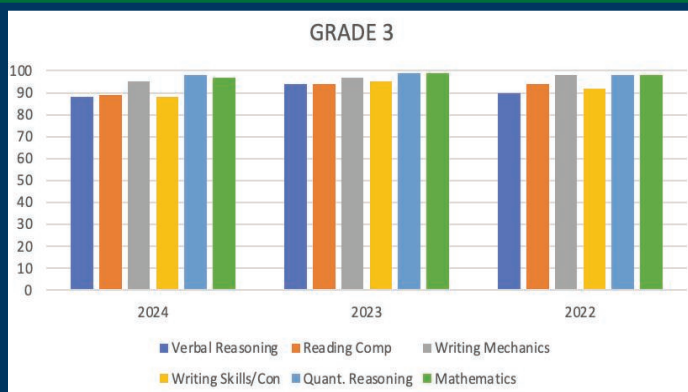
of Graduating 8th Graders were accepted to their high schools of choice. The schools listed reflect the institutions students attended in fall 2024.



TEST SCORES

THE COMPREHENSIVE TESTING PROGRAM (CTP)

Developed by the Educational Records Bureau (ERB) from the most elite boarding schools in the world, this norm-referenced test is used in only 10% of schools in the United States and is generally considered to be the “gold standard” in the world of high-achieving academic institutions. Unlike traditional standardized tests that measure content knowledge, the CTP focuses mainly on critical thinking as it evaluates students in areas such as reasoning, inference, analysis, and problem solving. In comparing ERB standards and the Heritage Oak curriculum to the public school Common Core standards, we have determined that the majority of concepts in our Language Arts and Math programs map to the grade level ahead.





DOES HERITAGE OAK TEACH COMMON CORE?

Upon the release of the Common Core **GRADE LEVEL STANDARDS**, Heritage Oak Administrators took on the challenge of mapping the Heritage Oak curriculum in each grade to the Common Core expectations. Our finding was that Heritage Oak students had been **EXCEEDING** the expectations of the Common Core **AT EVERY GRADE LEVEL** for several years and **IN SOME CASES, OUR STUDENTS EXCEEDED GRADE LEVEL COMMON CORE STANDARDS BY OVER A YEAR**. As always, we continue to refine our curriculum based on student performance (on a national scale) to ensure that our students are benefitting from **A BALANCED CURRICULUM** that also includes the **FINE ARTS** and **TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION**.

PARENT TESTIMONIALS

“Our child has been at HOPE since PreK and is thriving under the dedicated instruction of teachers and wonderful staff. We chose HOPE for a variety of reasons and were particularly impressed not only by the academic program, but the emphasis on character traits, social graces, manners (cotillion), music, and opportunities to perform through assemblies, school play, concerts, etc. The focus on developing a well-rounded child is evident in every aspect of the school.”

- Niche, 2024

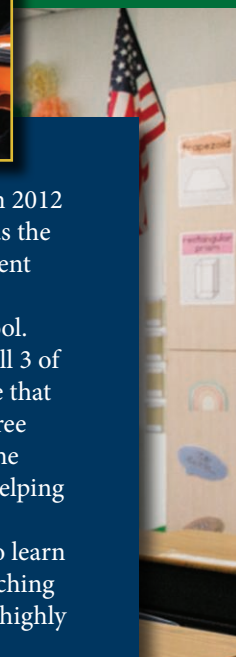
“We love the size of the school. It's not too big so every staff and faculty knows each child. They also offer in-school tutoring and piano lessons. My son also joins the reading club and we've noticed his reading skills have improved significantly within one semester”

- Yelp, 2024



“Our son started at Heritage Oak in 2011, followed by his sisters in 2012 and 2017. From the moment we toured the school, we knew it was the right choice for us. We loved the warm and welcoming environment and the school's focus on developing well-rounded students. The academics are challenging and provide a good basis for high school. The music program is wonderful. We have enjoyed the progress all 3 of our children have made since starting violin in 1st grade! We love that Heritage Oak includes cotillion as part of the curriculum, and agree that it is important to know these basic social skills and graces. The yearly school play has also been a great experience for our kids, helping boost their confidence by performing on stage. The teachers have provided a very caring and nurturing environment for our kids to learn and excel. It's no surprise that several have won distinguished teaching awards. Overall, we have had an excellent experience, and would highly recommend Heritage Oak!”

- Niche, 2024





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