

Dear Parents and Guardians,



Our 4th grade classes will be changing tradition this year regarding California Missions. Your child will be working on a writing project featuring their individual favorite California historical event. The writing project will be a **FIRST PERSON NARRATIVE STORY** that will be completed in class and will be due at the end of May. The choices they will be given for their writing project are listed below.

Life at the Missions -- Native American, priest,



Life at the Presidios -- soldier

Life at the Pueblos --Native American



Native Californians

Life during the Gold Rush -- miner



Life during the Mexican-Spanish War -- soldier

Life at the Ranchos/Hacienda – vaquero

Life during the Mexican-American War --soldier

Life as a new Californian – California pioneer, pioneer child



Your child will also be responsible for creating a visual aid to accompany their writing activity. Upon completion of both assignments, they will make an oral presentation to small groups in their classrooms. The visual aid may be a hand drawn picture, poster, diorama, or mission. Any other ideas for projects are possible, but please check with his/her teacher first. All visual aids will be completed at home. If your child prefers to write about a California Mission, they may choose to build a mission at that time.

Sincerely,

4th Grade Teachers

Story Frame

Name _____

Characters

Setting

Beginning

Middle (Problem)

End (Solution)

Resources/Bibliography

Name _____

Title of Book:

Author:

Title of Book:

Author:

Title of Book:

Author:

Internet:

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