

Peninsula Heritage emphasizes character qualities

"We recognize that each child is unique, and so we continue to offer a rigorous academic curriculum with advanced programs in mathematics and English language arts," explains Patricia Cailler, head of Peninsula Heritage School.

"Our school is now in its 53rd year, and we continue to offer multiple opportunities for students to be fully challenged," continues Cailler, "while utilizing the latest in technology. Our differentiated teaching program at Peninsula Heritage is unique and well-established.

"For instance," she describes, "we have advanced programs in mathematics and English for gifted students, as well as remediation for those needing assistance. Each classroom teacher has an associate teacher in the room to provide further direction and explanation. We have a full complement of trained, professional teachers in the co-curriculars — we offer outstanding programs in hands-on lab science, art, music, drama, computer, library, Spanish and physical education."

"My son is in second grade," writes one parent, "but goes to fourth grade math and a more advanced language arts enrichment class. He has never been happier, both in and outside of school."

"My older brother tells me," reports a current Peninsula Heritage student, "to enjoy every day here at this school. He's in high school now, and he says there is nothing as great as being here!"

Parents visiting the beautiful campus at the corner of Palos Verdes Drive North and Rolling Hills Road agree. "These kids are happy!" they remark. The richness of the program, from school-wide assemblies to overnight outdoor education trips, offers each student the opportunity to excel. Cailler cares for the students personally, knowing each child by name. Watching her walk down a school hallway is evidence. One after another, children come up to her and give her a hug. They also come into the school office on Thursdays to greet Milou, Patricia's poodle. This loving white ball of canine fluff is another example of the school's child-centered approach.

In addition to being academically

challenged, happy, and loved, Peninsula Heritage students are also respectful. This comes from the School's award-winning Character Qualities program, which permeates all the teaching and the entire curriculum from science through physical education.

"Caring, self-control, perseverance and respect are taught in each class and modeled by our faculty and staff," said Cailler. "If the children have a can-do attitude and are grateful for all that they have, these students are well on their way to becoming successful citizens." The school strives to develop the whole child, and the Character Qualities program is an important aspect of that effort.

Everything that transpires at Peninsula Heritage School is a result of the team approach of Cailler and the skilled and dedicated faculty and staff. "These teaching professionals are the real heart of the school," explains Cailler. "They are simply amazing, working in groups and one-on-one with the students every day, helping to create a wonderful, enriching childhood for each one."

The school's motto, "Celebrating Childhood Through Academics and the Arts" says it all! For a personalized tour, starting with kindergarten, call (310) 541-4795, Peninsula Heritage School, 26944 Rolling Hills Road, Rolling Hills Estates.

