

An Immersive History Experience at Riley's Farm

Our 4th graders embarked on an unforgettable overnight field trip to Riley's Farm in Yucaipa, CA, immersing themselves in hands-on history and real-world problem-solving. They experienced life as 49ers during the Gold Rush era, engaging in gold panning, mining, and trading at the boarding house. Students also engaged with the economics of the gold rush and were placed in a scenario much like that of the 49ers! They had a great time traveling, working, sleeping, eating, and dancing just like the people in 1849, and even got to solve the mystery of their missing camp supplies. Throughout the trip, students demonstrated perseverance by tackling challenging tasks, embraced a growth mindset by stepping into unfamiliar roles, and applied critical thinking to navigate historical scenarios. This immersive experience not only deepened their understanding of California history but also reinforced essential life skills in a collaborative, hands-on environment.



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