



VALLEY SNAPSHOT Thursday, April 05, 2012
Lewis Center students perform Alice in Wonderland
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The wiggles and giggles of excitement of the students could be seen as they waited for their friends to begin their performances in the Alice in Wonderland play. “And what a play it was,” said Cheryl Thompson, Lewis Center for educational research manager.

Second-, third- and fourth grade students at the Lewis Center’s Academy for Academic Excellence had been practicing every Wednesday for six months perfecting their performances. “The student actors did not forget their lines or acting instructions. It was delightful! Director Melanie Myers has directed plays before and is an actress herself,” stated Thompson.

Elementary teacher Tamara Brand said the director and parent volunteers put in many hours of work. Parent volunteers, working with Myers on the project were: Dawn DeLaHoussaye, Maritza Jiminez, Dane Davis, Heather Breyman, Jennifer Conant, Joanne Nelson, Debbie Bonacio and Julia McCrank.

Students engaged in learning and performing this play, studied many of the California educational standards listed in the listening and speaking and reading section. Students said they had fun while learning about the need to read, memorize, and comprehend a script, speak with fluency, accuracy and appropriate pacing. Thompson posed the question, “Who knew Alice in Wonderland could teach our students so much?”

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BROADWAY BOUND: From left: Reegan Christenberry, Steven Jambazian, Noel Garcia and Matthew McCrank portray the delightful characters in the play Alice in Wonderland at the Lewis Center’s Academy for Academic Excellence.

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