

Students try their hand at traditional arts



"Have any of you used one of these baskets to pick huckleberries with?" Viola Kalama asks Oppenlander's Kindergarten class, as she taught them Wasco traditions.



Some students learned how to make tule mats. They were taught by Edna Gonzales.



Eydie Switzler worked with students to make things out of loomwork. Here she is sewing the loomwork to buckskin.

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Caroline Torres taught students how to make yarn baskets. When completed they were approximately two inches in height.



Ricky Arthur taught students the art of drumming and singing.



Archie Caldera works with this student making a dream catcher.



Delia Walsey is helping this student with his project of fringing shawls.

Warm Springs Elementary School, Native American Traditional Arts Week in celebration of Native American Legend Month, February, and Native American month, March. Their third Annual Native American Traditional Arts Week was held March 7-11, 1994.

Students learned arts including chain beading, loom beading, tule mats, drumming, dream catchers, yarn baskets, and shawl fringing. Students listened to stories and traditions of the three tribes—Warm Springs, Wasco and Paiute told by Verbena Greene, Viola Kalama, and Wilson Wewa, Jr.

To buy materials for the crafts, Warm Springs Elementary received money from Johnson O'Malley, and Central Oregon Art In Education (COAIE). Money from the annual Art Fair and Cake walk was used as well. Warm Springs Elementary will hold their annual Art Fair and Cake Walk in April and money raised will be used for the Native American Traditional Arts week next year.