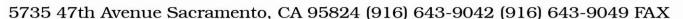
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Middle School Kids Sail on Tall Ship Docked in Sacramento TODAY

Students from Will C. Wood Middle School's Book Club will act as the crew of the Hawaiian Chieftain

December 5, 2011 (Sacramento): Forty-three students from Will C. Wood Middle School will sail as the crew of the Hawaiian Chieftain – a two-mast tall ship that is a replica of a 19th century trading vessel -- today as the culmination of a reading project.

The ship sets sail from Old Sacramento (Front and L streets) at 12:30 p.m. today. Students are expected to arrive at the dock around 11:45 a.m.

The students are all members of Will C. Wood's Book Club, a new program designed to get kids excited about literacy and meet the school's challenge of reading a million words a year. As a club, they read "The True Adventures of Charlotte Doyle" by Avi, a historical fiction novel about a young girl's adventures on the high-seas in 1821.

While reading the book, the students discovered that the Chieftain is currently docked in Sacramento and available for a three-hour sailing tour. During their time on board, the students will raise and lower sails, learn about navigation and sing a few sea shanties. All of the students qualified for a scholarship that covers the cost of the day.

WHAT: Will C. Wood Middle School students sailing on a tall ship
WHEN: The ship sets sail at 12:30 p.m. today (Monday, December 5)

WHERE: Front and L streets, Old Sacramento