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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

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