



DINGEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**
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Grades: 3 - 5
Emphasis: Literacy, Math, Science, Technology and Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA), Civics

Teacher(s): *Suzanne Hagan, *Antonette Harris, *Leigh Morioka, *Garner Saguil,
*Diane Gonzalez

We will host school tours for Seminar Cluster Program on January 16, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.
Please call the office to reserve your space.

The School Environment: Tiger PAWS attitude (Positive Attitude Wins Success) Our positive school environment is based on strong character building, engaging our community through collaborative relationships between students, families, and staff.

Seminar Cluster Classes are comprised of nearly 50% of Seminar identified students.

Strongest Academic Programs: Literacy, Math, Science, Technology, Civics, Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA)

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Family Faculty Connection funded programs: Art Corps, Rockin' Science, Enrichment Assemblies, Field Studies, Honor Choir, Service Learning, Night at the Opera, much, much more!

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- **HOTS-Higher Order Thinking Skills and Critical Thinking throughout ALL content areas!**
- Tiered assignments, curriculum compacting, Socratic Seminars, Book Clubs, Living History Museums, 3rd – 5th grade integrating i21 technology throughout the curriculum, strong civics emphasis, including mock-trials.
- Universal Design Lessons through Activ-Inspire; use of various device tablets (iPad and i21 netbooks)

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- **Student generated Expert Centers” and research projects**
- Leadership opportunities such as Honor Choir, Choral Music, Student Council, Safety and Parking Patrol, Games Leaders, Green Team
- Cultural studies and presentations, photo journalism, multi-media projects

Unique activities and approaches:

- critical thinking through higher level questioning
- 3rd grade Money Works Program and Academy Wheel and 5th grade Junior Achievement Biz Town Financial Literacy
- 5th – day trip or overnight on the Star of India, day trips on the floating Marine Lab, Science Fairs
- Living Museums – 4th and 5th (Students research and present aspects of life during the California Gold Rush and early colonial American history)
- Educational contests– Union Tribune, Math Field Day, San Diego Library writing contest, creative communications books and essays contest, scholastic contests for student-written books

*Teacher is GATE certified with at least three years experience.

**This description is subject to change.