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Journeys to the Past
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Dear Ms. Nunez:

Congratulations! Your presentation of Acjachemai village life in the production "Journeys to the Past" presented all of us, children and adults alike, with a glimpse into a culture heretofore little known or understood by us. The presence of adults and children in a very authentic looking village setting was really wonderful. The houses, weaving loom, cooking fire, and other activity areas were so artfully prepared that, as members of the audience, we felt as if we were right there, looking in to a real village.

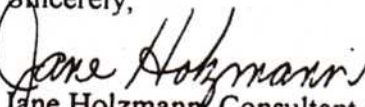
Your ability to capture and hold the attention of the children was impressive. Young children are a difficult audience to play to. You were able to engage all of us in songs, games, and thinking that drew the audience into full participation with you in the Journey.

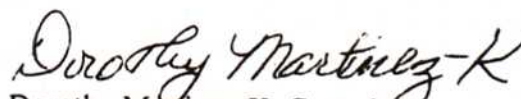
We were especially impressed in the way you taught children to be respectful of those who exhibit differences, by using the pointing finger as a thoughtful finger, saying "Hummmm, that's different!" What a wonderful concept to share and what an excellent flexible tool to use in encountering new situations and unexpected actions.

Throughout the (much too short) duration of the village presentation, we were struck with the continuous authentic nature of the information being shared. We want to thank you for the energy it must have taken to prepare and present so much information in such a short period of time, and to be able to bring the ideas and dreams you have, to life for so many others.

We appreciate being invited to participate in the event, and wish you much success in future presentation.

Sincerely,


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