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# **Sweet Grass Basket** **Demonstration – North Charleston** **Elementary**

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**Ms. Letha Mae Brown, grandmother of North Charleston Elementary student, Tia Dowling, visited the third grade on Wednesday, February 17, 2010. Students learned about crafts and traditions brought to South Carolina by slaves. Ms. Brown talked about the materials she used and demonstrated the knot that is used to start a basket. Students learned that Ms. Brown is the 4<sup>th</sup> generation of her family to make baskets. Her granddaughter Tia made her first basket last summer. The students presented Ms. Brown with the book they read about baskets, *Circle Unbroken*, by Margot Theiss Raven.**