

Letter from the Editor

An article in the Daily News on Wednesday morning described the poor quality of student writing around the country. How can we do our part to improve writing in our classroom?



I believe writing is a skill that will improve with good modeling and practice. The writing I see in my class this year is impressive. Most of the students enjoy writing, and are doing very well. The students engage in Writing Workshop at least three times a week. They conference with me at least once a week so I can keep a record of their progress. I already have two students who are working on their final drafts. We plan to have quite a few books ready for your viewing pleasure during Parent-Teacher Conference Week in November. I hope you will encourage writing at home as well.

Mrs. Kajikawa

What's Happening at Bayshore?

Mid-quarter reports will be going home on **Monday, October 4**. Please review the grades with your child, sign the report and return to school as soon as possible.

Monday, October 11- Inservice Day for teachers. No school for students.

Wednesday, October 20- Alaska Jr. Theater presentation of "1000 Cranes." Cost is \$5.00 per person. Admission charge is nonrefundable. Our performance will be at 10:00 so we will leave school at 9:30 and return by 11:30. Ignite students who plan to join us will be missing classes that morning.



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Homework - Week of October 4-8

Monday -Spelling - Write all the spelling words on p. 28 in alphabetical order. Also do Practice the Words p. 29 - write out the complete phrase.

Tuesday - Spelling p. 30 section C. There are 2 parts to this assignment - read carefully. Write out phrases.

Wednesday - Study for spelling test to be given on Thursday and study 12 times tables. Quiz next week.

Thursday - Finish any incomplete or make up assignments for the day.

Curriculum Corner:

Reading: We have not completed our reading of George Washington's Socks so we will work on it another week. The summaries are getting better and we plan to finish the story by next week.

Math: We covered least common multiples and multiples of 100,1000 etc.

Writing: There was an English test on Tuesday, please ask to see the test results. We are now working on writing techniques in our English book.

Social Studies: The chapter 11 test was given on Thursday. We will now work with maps and globes for a while.

Science: The children learned about class 1, class 2 and class 3 levers.

Health: Our newsletter is on muscles and bones. We plan to read more about muscles next week.

Computer Lab: Students now have an assignment that is due on October 15. It will be a book report using ClarisWorks slideshow. Please ask your child about this project. Most of the work will be completed in school in the Computer Lab, but they must read a book and be able to summarize the story. At least one graphic must be in the slideshow.