

Letter from the Editor

Welcome back to a new school year. Bayshore had its annual Back to School Picnic on Thursday, August 26th and it was wonderful to meet so many parents and students at that time. We are a class of 28 students (11 boys and 17 girls.) We spent this week as a 'get acquainted' time and daily routines, classroom expectations, homework, assignment requirements etc. were discussed. Everyone was given their first Connect Five daily planner sheet on the first day of school and most of the students have been faithfully returning these to school every morning. It's our way of establishing accountability for students' assignments and a way for them to organize their week. Please be sure to remind your child about this planner sheet for the first month and help him/her establish good study habits. I am planning to make phone calls starting next week and hope to contact each of you before our Open House which is tentatively scheduled for September 30. Please be sure to call me or email me if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Kajikawa

Supply List

Please be sure your child has these supplies by this Tuesday if you have not purchased them at this time.

- 6 pencils with erasers
- a good eraser
- a blue or black ballpoint pen
- a portfolio for homework assignments
- lined folder paper or tablet with lined paper
- at least 1 spiral notebook for notetaking
- a bottle of white glue
- crayons and markers
- sharp pair of scissors
- gym shoes - no black soles that leave skid marks
- 1 - 2 boxes of tissue - to be shared with the class
- graph paper for math problems (your child should be able to write a number comfortably in each box.
- yellow - letter size tablet for rough drafts - writing workshop
- students will need a protractor later in the year.

Homework - Week of September 6 - 10

These assignments are in addition to any unfinished work the students have from that day.

Tuesday - Spelling p. 13 - lesson 2 Write out A and B - also write each spelling word twice.

Wednesday - Spelling p. 15 - Reach out for new words A and B - Write out sentences in section B .

Thursday - Study for spelling test to be given on Friday. Finish any incomplete or make up assignments for the day.

NOTE: The weekly spelling test will normally be given on Thursdays. However, in a four day week, the test will be moved to Friday.

Curriculum Corner:

Reading: We read an excerpt from *The Midnight Fox* by Betsy Byars and worked on comprehension and vocabulary questions.



Math: Our first unit covers place value, with emphasis on decimals. We will be moving quickly through this section and move into addition and subtraction of decimals.

Writing: We started our Writing Workshop this week. After a mini-lesson in writing, students are given an opportunity to write on subjects of their choice. The yellow pad is used for their rough draft.

Social Studies: Our first unit is called "The Colonies Become a Nation. This covers the events and movement that resulted in the American Revolution. We are currently working with maps and globes.

Science: Our first unit will be on levers and pulleys. We are also studying weather concepts since this is a perfect season to observe changes in the weather conditions around the country.

Health: We are using the Great Body Shop newsletters and covering first aid this month.

Other: The students are using the All the Right Type program on the computer to develop correct keyboarding skills.