

# First Grade News

Back-to-School Night: Tuesday, August 31, 2010

## Special Greetings to First Grade Families

I am looking forward to a great year with your First Grader. Thanks for making time to attend Back-to-School Night. While YOU are the primary educator of your child, I love the opportunity to learn and grow with them. I appreciate the support you've already given as the year promises to be filled with challenges, rewards, and much joy in watching your child grow!

Please introduce yourselves and meet the parents of your child/children's classmates. When you make your name tag, please include the your child's name - you can quiz me later!

Remember, the door to First Grade is always "open". Instructional aide Veronica Sandeen and I invite you to come for a visit, share a special lesson, or join us during our daily routine. Have a look at our Daily Schedule and perhaps you'll find a time convenient to your busy day. Sign up to volunteer as a classroom helper - it's very much appreciated.

## A Little Ancient History

Born and raised in San Francisco, I traveled EAST... all the way to Oakland where I earned my degree and credential at Holy Names University. Graduate work in Educational Technology was completed at SFSU. As a founding member of the Bay Area School of Strings, I also maintain a private music studio and teach string methods at Holy Names. As a violist, I perform with the Exeter String Quartet and in the Holy Names Orchestra. But my first love is First Grade, the Class of 2018.

## Current Events

Homeroom is the beginning of the day - unpacking the backpacks, turning in notes, getting organized, and praying together help us prepare for the busy day ahead.

"Split" Language Arts allows for half the class to receive small group instruction while the other half benefits from Physical Education (Mike Shimabukuro), Perceptual-Motor Skills, and Library experiences (Alex Walton). It's your dedicated service to these volunteer programs which allows for quality instructional time.

Following Snack Recess, we continue the day learning Spanish (Ana Ruiz), Math, and Writing Skills. While Lunch and Recess remain the No. 1 favorite subjects, the formal Religion time includes quiet, reflective prayer to prepare for afternoons filled with Computer (David Malone), Music (Meredith Miller), and Integrated Curriculum including Science, Social Studies, Fine and Performing Arts, Health and Safety. We close the day gathering our thoughts, notes, homework, and get ready to share with YOU our very busy and exciting day at school!

**The Class of 2018**

