

Welcome to Alan's Crew
Grades 3-4 Room 10
Grass Valley Charter

Dear Students and Parents,

Ready or not, school will start in just a couple of days.

I hope you are all enjoying your vacations. I certainly have been enjoying mine: visiting family in southern California, camping on the Mendocino coast, exploring Oregon, reading, swimming, and riding my bicycle. Can't we just wait 'til September before we have to get serious?

Many of you are returning to my classroom and are probably feeling pretty comfortable about what to expect. Those of you who are coming for the first time may be a little bit nervous. Please try not to worry, as I know we are all going to have a great year. If you'd like to come by and say hello, I'll be in the classroom the day before school starts in the afternoon. School starts on August 17th so that means you can come say hello after noon on the 16th.

Parents, I have only two "rules" for you. First, you are always welcome in the classroom. No special invitation beyond this one is ever necessary, and I hope some of you can find time to be in the classroom on a regular basis. Second, please feel free to contact me whenever a question or concern arises. The best way to handle misunderstandings or potential problems is to communicate. So call, or email, or stop by and let me know what you need. Reach me by leaving a message on the school phone, calling me at home at 265-4215, or by emailing me at arosenbl@gvsd.k12.ca.us.

There are a few things your child needs in order to start school.

- **lunch or lunch money**
- **a healthy snack**
- **a backpack**
- **#2 pencils** (mechanical ones are OK if they have .7mm lead)
- **a self contained personal pencil sharpener** (small)
- **a 12" ruler scaled to ¼ inch**
- **markers for drawing**
- **a basic calculator that adds, subtracts, multiplies, and divides**

Our yearlong expedition will be about California. We will study geography, the early Californians, the Gold Rush, and how gold changed California, especially locally in Nevada County. We will be visiting lots of local sites, and a couple more distant ones. Of course, parents, you're all invited. In fact, we can't go without you; so please get your driver and insurance paperwork filed so that we're ready to go.

One more reminder, Thursday, September 1st from 5:30 to 8:00 is Back to School Night. I'll have more information to share with you then.

Thanks for your commitment to your child's education.