

August 4, 2011

Dear Students,

Welcome to a new school year at Grass Valley Charter School. I hope you have had a wonderful summer full of fun with family and friends. My summer has seemed short, but exciting. I spent lots of time with my family including my new grandson born on July 31st. I also did some gardening, reading, and scrapbooking projects.

“That’s Not Fair” is the title of our learning expedition this year. This expedition will include in depth case studies on Native Americans, the Boston Tea Party, and the Underground Railroad. We will be exploring American history and looking at it from multiple perspectives. I just returned from a wonderful week in Boston where I walked the Freedom Trail, saw historical sites, and took part in the expedition “The Founding of a New Nation.” I am excited to share with you many things I learned on my trip.

I have a bit of back-to-school homework for you:

- On the first day of school bring in a list of the states you have visited. Some of you may have only been in California and others may have visited many states.
- Bring a paper lunch sack with 3 items that will tell us something about you. Don't show your items to anyone until it is your turn to share.
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Please bring the following items on the first day of school:

- A sack lunch OR money for hot lunch (prices: lunch \$2.75 and milk \$.35)
- A healthy snack
- A book at your reading level
- A story to share about something that happened during summer vacation
- A willingness to work hard and attempt new challenges
- A smile for everyone you meet
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If you would like to stop by Room 8 on Tuesday, August 16th, between 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., I will be in the classroom. Otherwise, I will see you by 8:29 a.m. on August 17th. We will have a great year together!

Sincerely,
Ann Boger