

August 4, 2011

Dear Crew 6,

Hi! I am so glad you are in my crew at Grass Valley Charter School! There are 24 3rd & 4th graders in Crew 6. We are going to have an adventurous year of learning. Our expedition this year is to discover and become experts on the California Gold Rush, an amazing time in our history! By using stories, photos, experts, fieldwork, local historians, texts, and songs, we will learn all we can about the gold rush. Eureka!

But before the rush for gold, we're going to come to understand mapping skills & California's different geographic regions. California is an amazing state, don't you think? **Here is a special job for you:**

I would like you to decide your **favorite place in California**...natural or manmade, near or far. On a paper (6"x6") put your name, the name of your favorite place, a drawing, picture or photo and a sentence explaining why it is your favorite. Also, you need to be able to show where it is on a map of California. Please bring this to share during the first week of school (by 8/22). I will do one too! I can't wait to see what you picked.

Here are some things to know about the school year:

- School starts 8:30 on Weds., August 17th
- Crew 6 pick-up is on Dalton St. at 3:00 Mon.-Thursday, 12:30 on Friday
- Bring a snack and lunch or lunch money (\$2.75) Mon.-Thurs.
- A supply list is attached
- We have the best aide ever, Amanda

Please come by the classroom on Tuesday, Aug. 16th between 2:00-3:00 for a visit. You can check out the room & see your crewmates but best is, I get to see you!

I hope you are having a wonderful summer. I am having a great time with my family and friends. We went camping, to the beach and had fun times here in Grass Valley! The fair is coming up, will you go? I'll look for you! Keep having fun and I will see you on August 17th for our first day of a golden year with a dazzling crew!

Your teacher,
Mary

“We are crew not passengers”

Important Dates

8/17	1 st day 8:30-3:00
9/1	Back to School Night
9/5	Labor Day- no school
9/8	Lifetouch Picture Day
9/23	No school-staff development
10/17-10/21	Fall Break

New this year: district collaboration days, minimum days on Wed. Sept. 7th, Dec. 7th, March 7th & May 2nd!