

WHAT TIME IS IT? A Message from CLC by Bree Mitchell

A new school year is time for new friends, new schedules, and cookies and milk with first grade teacher Cheryl, along with new opportunities to learn. Even though *what time is it?* stems from the catchy jingle of the High School Musical cast singing their way into summer, for CLC it was a time to meet up with families



and begin the exciting new school year.

September 5th was not the first time CLC students and parents were reconnected. Our CLC families enjoyed a bonfire on August 1st at Aliso Beach, where they roasted marshmallows, sang songs, and shared stories of their summer adventures. The outing created a time for new students, along with CLC graduates to come together and enjoy a wonderful night of fun under the stars.

Every summer CLC hosts a Welcome Back picnic which was held Aug 29th. This is a great opportunity for the first grade families to receive a

better understanding of the CLC curriculum and meet the other families that have been through the program. Our CLC parents also volunteered to help organize, clean, and set up the classrooms for all to view at the Welcome Back picnic. It was a great chance for everyone to see their seat assignments and obtain a sneak preview of what to expect on September 5th.

Our community this year consists of many siblings of previous students that will be starting their first year with CLC. We are also very excited to embrace seven new families that will be part of the CLC experience. The first graders are assigned a "Welcome Buddy" on their first day to help answer questions, show them around the class room, and provide a support system for new students.



There were plenty of introductions on the first day of school between children and adults. After the students began their morning, the parents had tea at the Levines' house.



They opened up their home to invite CLC parents for a meet and greet. Later in the day, parents were invited to have lunch with the CLC children in our courtyard and were informed of the theme for this year's curriculum and classroom protocols. Teachers Cheryl and Laia spoke to the parents on the CLC theme this year of 'World Peacemakers'. The students will be taking a mock cruise around the world in addition to many exciting field trips to enhance the classroom studies. Our students also created class room rules on how to be world peace makers on their first day.

All in all, the CLC Community is off to a great start and looking forward to a wonderful school year. So what time is it?..... It's time to learn!