

Dear Las Lomas Families,

School has been in session almost a month! Hard to believe, but true. Much of Mr. Camou's and my student contact time is spent on the playground, lunch area or at assemblies. In order to keep up with inside-the-classroom learning, we schedule weekly walk-throughs, either together or on our own. Here is a bit of what I saw during a short period this week in classrooms: Art and Second Step lessons; imaginative play with large blocks; students writing in their writing workshop folders; math activities with students working together to solve word problems, create number bonds with manipulatives and round numbers to the 1000's place; xylophones being played in music class; and small guided reading groups. I encourage you to read newsletters from the teacher to learn about the variety of learning experiences your child engages in each day.

The first *Morning with the Principal* last week was well attended. We discussed a variety of topics including school climate initiatives (Buddy Bench, Second Step and Principal's Book Club), facilities planning, safety plans, writing workshop and our math pilot. Assistant Principal Alain Camou, our counselor Kathy Ruwe and Governing Board Trustee Jay Siegal were present to provide details on the above topics. I appreciate hearing questions and topics of interest from those who attended and hope they will share what they learned with others. Please email me if there is a topic you would like me to place on the agenda for my *Evening with the Principal* on November 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm in the library.

Until next time,  
Sue