

# El Granada Elementary School

Cabrillo Unified School District • Carrie Betti, Principal



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Dear El Granada Community,

Fall has arrived! I'd like to give a special thank you to all the families who participated in our Fall Garden Clean Up Day. Our kinder quad looks great, thank you to the many families and students who participated in the clean up day. School is in full swing and students are settling into their classrooms for a great 2011-2012 school year. In October, we invite all families to attend our Parent Teacher Conferences starting October 3<sup>rd</sup>. These conferences are goal setting conferences, which provide an opportunity for you to learn more about the educational program inside your child's classroom. This is a great opportunity for you to ask questions about curriculum, instructional practices, and how your students are progressing. Picture Make up Day will be on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Our Scholastic Book Fair will begin on October 27<sup>th</sup> through November 4<sup>th</sup>. At the end of the month we will be hosting our annual School Carnival on October 30<sup>th</sup>, and "Halloween Fun Day" on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Book of the Month title for October is Family Pictures, written and illustrated by Carmen Lomas Garza. The book is an inspired celebration of American cultural diversity in English and Spanish. Lomas Garza presents a charming series of paintings while relating remembrances of her childhood in Kingsville, Texas, near the Mexican border. The brilliantly colored images teem with life and exude the glow of nostalgia.

## **Character Trait is CREATIVITY**

- \* I can take the time to brainstorm new ideas.
- \* I can carry a small notebook or "post it" to jot down ideas or questions I have.
  - \* I can get exercise to help nurture my brain and clear my head.
  - \* I can try again if I get stuck trying to solve a problem.
- \* I can take my time to explore my thinking and do my best work in class.
  - \* I can revisit unfinished work to make sure it is quality work.
- \* I can take risks, even if it means that I might make a mistake, because some of the best ideas come from mistakes.
- \* I can watch less television and instead do experiments, art, or writing at home.

Thank you to the many families who have participated in fundraisers so far this year. Our Fund Run was a blast and a great way for students to bond with their peers in the beginning of the school year. Thank you to all of the families who volunteered and contributed to our first big school fundraiser. Thank you for all of your support. Our students, parents, teachers and staff members are what make our school a wonderful place to learn.

Sincerely,

Carrie Betti