

Room One's

# Strawberry Shake

## What's Shaking in Kindergarten

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Dear Strawberry Point Kindergarten and Family,

Welcome to Kindergarten! Our names are Emily Starfas and Bev Medynski and we will both be your Kindergarten teachers this year in a shared contract. We are very excited to have you in our class and are ready to start the new school year. We will do many fun things together this year. We will paint, sing songs, read fantastic books, write stories, solve math problems, play, create science experiments, and much more!

We would like to invite you to a special Sneak Peak on Wednesday, August 22nd in Room 1 from 11:00-12:00 PM. This will be a brief preview of our classroom and a chance for you to meet some of your new classmates.

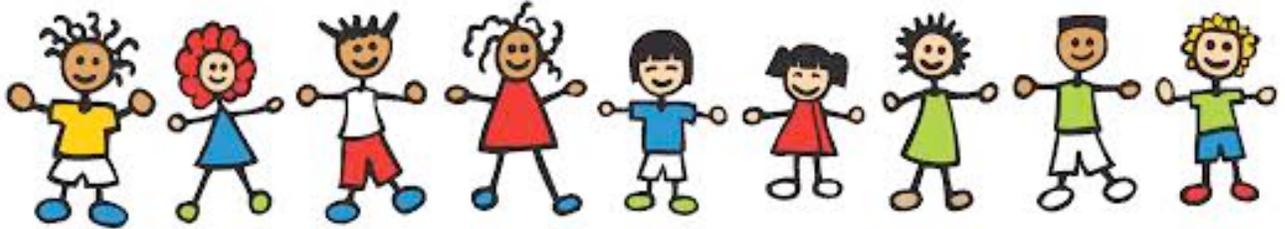
Our first day of school will be Thursday, August 23rd. Room 1 will be open at 8:15 each day. Please line up at our outside door when you hear the bell ring (students may not be in the hallway at any time before school begins). On the first day parents are welcome to come into the classroom in the morning for the first few minutes while we get settled. Once we are all on the carpet we will read a story and then say goodbye and ask that all parents leave at that time. Please bring a healthy snack to eat, a picture of you with your family, and your favorite book. Plan on leaving the book and picture at school for a while, so that we can use them to learn more about you. Also, remember to put your name on all of your things. In an effort to make a smoother transition, dismissal will be at 11:35 until September 14th. Our regular dismissal time of 1:15 will begin on Monday, September 17th.

We are very excited about the year and we hope that you are too!

See you soon,

Mrs. Starfas & Ms Medynski

## Meet Your Teachers



### Bev Medynski and Emily Starfas

Bev Medynski grew up, was educated, and taught school on the West Coast of Canada before moving to California in 1998. Her teaching experiences in Canada included Kindergarten, first, third and fourth grades. She joined the staff at Strawberry Point School in 2001 where she taught kindergarten, second and third grades. Working with Kindergarten children has been a highlight in her career. The warmth and honesty of these young children, and the social and academic strides they make in their year of kindergarten is truly a gratifying experience! Ms. Medynski is looking forward to sharing with her students, a love of books, the excitement of learning to read and write, and many creative social studies projects.

Emily Starfas has been at Strawberry Point School teaching Kindergarten since 2001. She and her husband, Steven, moved to San Francisco from Ventura over 20 years ago for college and never left! They have two children, Olive, who is 13 years old, and Leo, who is 10 years old. They also have all of their siblings, nephews and nieces in San Francisco. Mrs. Starfas enjoys reading, walking around the city, trying out great restaurants, and going to the playground with her kids. She is most looking forward to exploring the world around us through math and science.