



A Final Note From Mrs. Byrnes



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The authors were quite impressive on Thursday morning; each so proud to share their best narrative piece of writing with the I-B families! The community of writers is aware of the progress they've made, and readily took this risk together. What a fabulous class! Thank you all for taking time out of your day to come. Also, thank you very much for the thoughtful gift. The collection of books from the class is so meaningful and a great addition to our growing library! Also, your generous class gift is perfect to use towards the jogging stroller Matt and I are headed out to get this weekend. Although I won't be jogging anytime soon- I am very excited about this stroller!

I thoroughly enjoyed meeting with each of you to celebrate progress, set goals for the remainder of the school year, and discuss summer plans at our conference. Andrea and I have had time to plan a thoughtful transition, both emotionally and in terms of curriculum. She will be writing weekly newsletters, but please note, she will not be sending them electronically, so look for hard copies being sent home on Friday afternoons.

Today I had a chance to say goodbye to the children. We discussed how, on one hand, it is sad to say goodbye to someone you have been spending so much time with since September, but, on the other hand, how exciting it is to know that upon returning from April vacation a familiar face will be awaiting them. Although they will continue with our day-to-day routines, the children have many exciting units of study to look forward to. In writing, the children will be writing non-fiction books and poetry. Readers will continue to read in guided reading groups, and will study two wonderful authors, Ann Morris and Mem Fox! Scientists will watch chicks hatch and see birds of prey up close! Mathematicians will continue to deepen their understanding of the number system and explore 3-D geometry! The children made a very thoughtful book for Mrs. Cunningham, letting her know how much they are looking forward to having her lead I-C, yes I-C, for the remainder of the school year.

Thank you all for your support this year. It has been a pleasure working & enjoying this special year with you!

Enjoy your vacation,
Sarah Byrnes