

## **Community Enhanced Learning (CEL) Program**

The Community Enhanced Learning (CEL) program is 1-2 classes per grade level at Monta Loma Elementary School. In these classes, the students' parents have committed to working in the classroom for a short time each week.

### **What do the parents do in the classroom?**

Depending on the classroom, parents can contribute in many ways. These can be simple support tasks such as making copies or cutting out paper for a craft project, or can be as complex as using special skills, such as cooking, science, foreign language, or computers to enhance the kids' learning experience. For working parents who cannot arrange time off to be in the classroom but would still like to participate, some jobs can be done outside the classroom.

### **Why should I join the CEL program?**

Studies show that children whose parents are active in their education have more success in life. Also, with the support teachers get in the classroom, they can spend more one-on-one time with each child, giving some students who may be behind grade level a better chance to catch up, and giving advanced students more challenging work. The CEL program is also a community of families that work together, building a network of friendship and support that can be hard to find in public school.

### **Who can join CEL?**

CEL is open to everyone. Students in the Monta Loma enrollment area have first priority, but we try to accommodate anyone who wishes to participate.

### **Do I have to pay to join CEL?**

We do ask for a financial contribution (\$150 for one child, \$250 for two children) to pay for classroom projects, field trips, and activities. However, this amount can be covered by participating in a fundraiser. No one is turned away for inability to pay.

### **How do I enroll my child in CEL?**

Beginning March 7th, CEL commitment forms will be accepted at the office at Monta Loma School at 460 Thompson Avenue. You may fill out a commitment form to indicate your interest and intent to register in CEL. Enrollment in the CEL program will be determined after the completion of the District enrollment process, which begins on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the district office, and in accordance with the CEL program guidelines. New students are added to the list in the order in which their district enrollment forms are received, with priority going to those within the Monta Loma enrollment area. If you are outside this area but would like to enroll, please go to the district office and arrange for an intra- or inter-district transfer.

### **2005 CEL Information nights:**

March 10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

6:30pm at Monta Loma School

For more information call the school at 903-6915.