

First Class Log

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<p>The first session of the 2006 Summer Invitational Writing Project begins.</p>	<p>Oh, wow! Just feel the nervous energy that is filling the room. I am so glad to see all of these eager faces. These folks don't realize what is in store for them this summer!!!</p>
<p>The table is filled with all sorts of food and drinks with a "Cinco de Mayo" theme.</p>	<p>I think we brought too much food. We'll never eat all of this. I LOVE the chili pepper confetti that I found at Party City! These bright colors will get everyone in a festive spirit.</p>
<p>Dr. Mary Styslinger explains the history of the Bay Area Writing Project model that was developed in the 1960's.</p>	<p>Did she say the 1960's? I knew the writing project was the place for kindred spirits. All of those old hippies (like me) still looking for a place to "express ourselves." But from the looks of some of this summer's participants, they must think that Vic, Sara, and I are absolute museum relics! Oh well, being around young people keeps us young as well!</p>
<p>Dr. Vic Oglan shows her new notebook.</p>	<p>Don't you just love getting a new notebook! What a chance for a clean start. The Dollar Store usually has lots of great ones and, hey, how can you turn down a great notebook that's only a dollar? I think I'll stop by there and check them out.</p>
<p>I read aloud <i>My Duck</i> by Tanya Linch.</p>	<p>This is such a great book. When I first found it in R.L. Bryan, I saw it with my writer's eyes. I knew that I would get great mileage from it. This is a great book for teachers and students alike. What great writing you can get by allowing folks to think about the line, "Go and start again."</p>
<p>Everyone gets a copy of <i>Breathing In Breathing Out</i> by Ralph Fletcher.</p>	<p>Oh, Ralph, how much I love your book! I could read this book a zillion times and never get tired of it. Every time I reread it, I find something that I hadn't seen before. I think the words magically change when it sits on my bookshelf because there's always something new in it to think about. I want to REREAD!!</p>