Once equals is set as an assignment operator, that automatically allows implicit declaration. Should we consider that a valid declaration? In the extra credit example, had the three variables not been declared they would have been implicitly declared on the last line. Also, should either explicit or implicit declarations be considered strictly typed?

b = 3 ; would be an undeclared variable if b has not been declared earlier.

Will variables ever be declared but not initialized? For example,

var x;

x + 3;

This would mess things up, since I'm sure I'm not the only one always expecting the variable to always be immediately followed by an expression...

No.