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Dear Parents,

We've got a lot coming up this week, so this newsletter full of IMPORTANT NOTICES!

First off, thanks to everyone for sending your child to school with a warm coat. They have been able to enjoy themselves outside this week (on those rare occasions when it wasn't raining, anyway!).

The all-school bonfire is tonight, from 6:30 – 8 at the Heck's farm. If you can come (and I hope you can!!), please bring a bag of chips and some dip to share, along with lawn chairs and warm clothes!

Today is the end of the first nine weeks of school! **Next week we will dismiss children at noon on Thursday, and have no school on Friday so that we can hold Parent/Teacher Conferences.** The conference will be a great time for you and I to touch base about how your child is doing in our classroom and what he/she has been learning, as well as for us to discuss what will be happening in the classroom during the next nine weeks. **There are sign-up sheets out in the lobby** for you to choose a time. We have both morning and afternoon times, but if you don't see any times that will work for you, let me know and we can work something out.

Our half-day next Thursday is what we call a Thrilling Thursday! It is going to be a day of community members coming in to talk about their jobs; the fire department, two police officers, the Mayor of Goddard, and a geologist will all come in and talk to the children. I think the geologist will be the best, and I'm not just saying that because he's my dad! **Remember, school dismisses at noon on Thursday. If you need Latchkey for that day be sure to sign up in advance** so that we can know how many children will be here. Latchkey will also be available on Friday, so sign up if you need that day, too.

Friday, October 30th will be our whole school field trip and class harvest party. All grades will be traveling to a local pumpkin patch. If you would like to join us or drive on our field trip, permission slips will be given out closer to the date. **Our 1st class party will also be on that day starting at 3:00 PM.** If you would like to bring something to the party, there will be a sign up sheet outside our classroom door saying what things we need for the party. I will send out a special note next week to explain details. *Even if you do not sign up to bring an item, I hope everyone can join us for our first party!!!*

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. McElroy

*****Upcoming Events*****

Oct. 16 – Bonfire, 6:30-8 P.M.

Oct. 22 – School dismisses at noon

Oct. 23 – No School

Oct. 22~23 – Parent-Teacher Conferences

Oct. 30 – All-school field trip to the pumpkin patch in the morning, and classroom party in the afternoon!!!