



October 25, 2020

***“Without your children your house would be clean, your wallet would be full and your heart would be empty.”***

Dear Parents,

As always, hoping you are all well and safe. So far it seems like we are having a great year, a different year to be sure, but a great one. The teachers and I are so happy to see your children each day and we appreciate your faith and trust in us to keep them as safe as we can. I, for one, would have an empty heart without them here.

We will have a simple Halloween celebration this year. The kids in grades K -5 may wear their costumes to school if they choose to. They will be in it all day as we can't have the usual “mayhem” in the bathrooms getting dressed and undressed. Keep it simple, no face makeup, guns, swords, etc. We will have a parade in the school yard with the older kids cheering the “goblins and ghosts” on. I know so many of you look forward to our parade but hopefully, next year we'll be able to celebrate the way we always do. As far as Halloween treats, each child will have to bring their own treat to enjoy – no food sharing.

We have been trying to come up with a sensible solution for sudden illness and remote learning. So . . . if your child wakes up sick and does not have all of his/her books at home that will be counted as absent. It is more of a distraction if they log into the Google Class unprepared. If they will be out for a few days you can request their books to be sent home and then go remote. The kindergarten through second grade teachers have suggested that these students do not log into their Google class as they are not as familiar with it. They will be sure to “catch the children up” when they return to school.

Still trying to simplify pick-up. We have very little problems or none really in the morning. No prizes are being given for lining up at 1:30 around the corner. If some of you show up at 2:10-2:15 you'll breeze in and out of the driveway

Any families with remote learners who would like to return to school, may do so after Thanksgiving break but you must let me know soon so we are prepared for them.

Sincerely,

***Sister Merris***