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Dear Parents,

Halloween is over, and soon it will be Thanksgiving and Christmas. WOW!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Halloween Party. The children had a great time, looked adorable in their costumes, and proud to “strut their stuff” around the school. A very special thank you goes out to our room mothers: Mrs. Sam and Mrs. Marquardt. A lot of work and planning goes on behind the scenes in order to have a successful party. The support of all the parents is truly appreciated. I need pictures from the morning party to put on our new website. (See special note!) If you took any that you would like to share please send them to me through e-mail as an attachment.

One last note about the party! Did you know that the afternoon party time is a ½ hour longer than the morning? I didn’t realize it until I went home yesterday and wondered why I was rushing and a bit behind during the morning party, and had plenty of time in the afternoon party. We will have to adjust this for the Christmas party.

Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not already turned in the orange time request form, please send it in or contact the main office.

I can use more help during centers on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. If you can fit in any time on a weekly, biweekly or monthly basis I would really appreciate it. The children will be coming to the "I Know Zone" soon. The more helpers I have, the more time I can spend with your child individually. The children love to have their parents and grandparents help out in class. I'm sure you will find it enjoyable (and a bit noisy), just remember it is Joyful Noise and shows learning and love for school. The times are: AM – 9:45 – 10:30, PM 1:45 – 2:30.

This week we started BLAST. It is a fun tutoring activity with our 5<sup>th</sup> grade BLAST buddies. Letter recognition, sounds, sight words and reading skills are reinforced. I know that your child will tell you all about it!

I will be at a conference in Lansing on November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. A guest teacher will be filling in for me. I will tell the children a head of time, but please remind them so they are prepared.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Osborne

PS: Check out our new Web Site! <http://mrsosbornekindergarten.weebly.com/>