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Cold Weather



Yes, cold weather season is upon us. The first few weeks of October have been relatively warm and snow free, but snow is just around the corner. With that in

mind, I would like to request that students begin to bring hats, gloves warmer coats and boots. (Snow pants are only required for the sledding hill, and outdoor field trips like Alyeska so investment in this would be good too.)

My current practice for student recess is if it is under 32 degrees Fahrenheit, students must have on a warm "Winter" jacket, hat and gloves before they leave the room. They may take them off when they get outside, but they have them if they need them. Students are not let back into the building after they go outside, so they need to be prepared. Plus we are people who chose to live in Alaska, We all should have proper gear for our environment.

Our class has talked about it and will continue to discuss it in class so it is not a surprise to the students in this class. Please help by making sure your student has these required outdoor items.

Parent Conferences (Repeat Info)

Parent-Teacher Conference sheets are posted in the hall for you sign up on. Please come in and sign up for a conference slot. I am looking forward to the upcoming meetings. It is fun to see each of you and share information about your student and compare notes. It is so helpful to get the parents point of view of their child and good to communicate to the students that both the teacher and family have the same expectations for their learning.

It is also fun to experience the difference of a 4th grade conference and a 6th grade conference. 6th grade conferences are comfortable, familiar and

Halloween is Back On.



Mercy! Well, Halloween costumes are back on the table for Wednesday, October 29th.

Students may come to school in costume.

Students can come in costume, but costumes should reflect a **historical figure, a character from a book, or family heritage**. Please help the student choose a costume that does not promote or depict a violent persona.

However, we still will not be throwing our traditional big party. A number of factors are playing in to my personal decision on the big party issue. 1) It is a short day and we usually held a party in the PM. 2) Dan Pascucci from the KWF will be in the room conducting water tests with the students in the morning. 3) Conferences are the following day and clean up is difficult. 4) We have a teacher meeting right after school to develop state mandated Student Growth Maps and continue training. 5) I have some fun, Halloween themed, activities planned but do not wish to have a food distraction.

So in conclusion: Costumes-YES, Food-NO, Learning-YES, Fun Activities-YES

almost sad since we know we will be parting ways sooner than we would like. 4th grade conferences are a little more uneasy, there is "getting to know you" feel to them. However, they are enjoyable and it is fun to share my initial insights about new students who I've only had the pleasure of working with for two months. But I know, in two more years, we will be familiar friends, sitting at a table, planning for middle school, sad that we are parting ways too soon.

This is the best time of the year. If you need to reschedule to a different day or time, please let me know, I can make arrangements to suit your needs.

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Special points of interest:

- October 29th— Early Release Day @ 1:55
- October 30th & 31st Parent/ Teacher Conferences.
- November 27th & 28—Thanksgiving— NO SCHOOL
- December 17th— FINALIZED— Challenger Center Mission for 5th & 6th Grade. 4th Grade to FAA & Airport
- December 19th— End of 2nd Quarter - NO SCHOOL
- December 22nd— January 2nd— Christmas Break