October 25, 2019

Dear Parents,

It is almost time for one of our favorite days of the year - Halloween! We wanted to share some information with you regarding Halloween in the Elementary 1 classrooms. It is our tradition that the children may wear their costumes to school on Thursday, October 31, and participate in the school’s annual Halloween Parade. The parade, which is held on the soccer field, is open for parents to view and begins at 9:00am. There is a parent coffee from 8:30am-9am preceding the parade and you are all welcome to attend. This will be held on the deck behind the two-story building.

The school rule is that NO masks or weapons are to be worn or displayed in the parade. The children should bring a bag with regular school clothes to change into following the parade. Their costumes will be kept in their own bags to ensure a safe delivery home for trick-or-treating. We will have arts and crafts activities for the children during the day, including sewing and painting. We would welcome parent volunteers in the classroom between 9:45am-11:45am or 1pm-2:45pm. We respectfully ask that you please send $4.00 with your child to help toward materials for the party. Thank you!

E1 will have a regular lunch schedule on Halloween so every student should bring their own lunchbox. We will provide a special Halloween themed healthy snack at our community snack time. We thank our Room Moms, Carrie and Andrea, for putting together a fun snack for the children.

For the grand finale of our celebration, the Middle School will offer a Halloween Fun House in the 6th grade classroom and a Haunted House in the 7th and 8th grade classroom. The cost is $3.00 for the Fun House and/or $3.00 for the Haunted House. The children may choose which one to attend or not at all. They may also attend both, however, they may only visit each house one time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at school.

We would also like to invite you to attend, "A Window to Our World." This is a special time for your child to present a small research project to you of his or her interest. We have saved the mornings of Monday, November 5th for the Atlantic class and Tuesday, November 6th for the Pacific class. These will be small presentations in groups of five children and will last about 20 minutes. The date and time for your child has been included in your child’s Friday envelope. We look forward to seeing you then!

On Saturday, November 9, the Center will host the Annual Art Festival from 11am-1pm. Each class will have booths set up for various arts and crafts projects for the children to enjoy. We appreciate those of you who have already volunteered to help, however, we are still in need of parent volunteers to staff the arts and crafts booths, as well as help with set up and clean up. If anyone is interested and willing to volunteer, please contact one of the E1 teachers.

Finally, we have enjoyed meeting with so many of you for fall conferences. We are happy to share information about how your children are progressing in school from our observations and our perspectives. We also appreciate hearing from you how your child perceives life at school. It is only when we hold hands together that we can truly work to the benefit of educating the whole child. If you have not already scheduled your conference, please contact Rachel and we will be happy to set up a time that works for you.

Fall is finally in the air! Have a spectacular weekend!

Sincerely,

The E1 Teachers
Independent research within the cultural curriculum in the classroom:

- Daphne and Genevieve research twins.
- Gabriella and Serena study types of flowers.
- Jack and Chase learn about conjunctions and show themselves joined together with the conjunction while Hailey and Anna read and write about fish.