



The Owl's Nest

September 30, 2011

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

Happy Fall! It seems while we were busy getting the school year started, a new season arrived. Our summer weather was so brief that we almost missed it! When the weather changes, it is always a good time to remind students to dress for outdoor weather when they come to school. At recess, we do believe that students need fresh air, movement and play, therefore they do go outside, even in light rain. Of course, we have them remain inside if the weather becomes too harsh with hard rain, wind or icy conditions. It is best if children dress in layers and good rainproof footwear for outside play.

This week you have an opportunity to conference with your child's teacher. This first conference is for the purpose of goal setting. Since the teachers are just beginning to know your child, this conference is more about identifying areas for growth and making plans for achieving goals. Later in the year, you will have another conference with the teacher to discuss progress toward these goals. In either case, this is a wonderful opportunity to build a partnership with your child's teacher. We know that students are most successful when there is a strong connection between the home and the school. This means being open and honest in conversations and helping children begin to take responsibility and accountability for their learning – age appropriately, of course. This is a great time to help empower students so they feel that they have control over the choices they make and that there is no limit to what they can accomplish.

Have a wonderful week!

Karen Dickens

Don't forget these important dates!

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| 10/3-4 and
10/6/11 | Parent/Student Conferences – early dismissal 11:30a |
| 10/7/11 | LEAP Day, no school for students |
| 10/31/11 | Annual Halloween Fun! |

Yellow Emergency Cards:

If you have not yet returned your child's updated yellow emergency card, please do so immediately. It is critical that we have updated information at the school in case we need to call you in the case of illness or medical emergency involving your child.

School Arrival and Dismissal Times:

We provide for supervision of students 15 minutes before school and 15 minutes after school. Beyond those times, there is no supervision so students may not be on campus. Please be aware that students may not arrive at school before **8:15 am**, and must be picked up by **3:15** (**1:45** on Wednesdays, and **11:45** on ½ day dismissals). Our staff members have other obligations beyond those times and are not available to provide supervision for your child.