Dear Parents,

Now that October is just around the corner, we will be doing some fun activities to bring in this time of year! If you have not signed up for Pumpkin Treats on Sign Up Genius, please do so.

Pumpkin Day:

Near Halloween we will be doing a pumpkin estimation activity. We will be counting the seeds, measuring the pumpkins, etc. The children have a great time digging into the gooey pumpkins to get the seeds out! I am asking for 4 small, 4 medium, and 4 large pumpkins on______. They will need to have a hole cut off the top and a piece of plastic wrap around the "lid" so we can get to the seeds (the "lid" will seal back on after cutting it if the plastic barrier is not there). If you can bring a pumpkin on this day please let me know! I will also have a sign-up sheet outside of our classroom.

*If any parents would like to volunteer to help me on this day, please let me know! We would love to have 2 extra hands!

Pumpkin Characters Project:

Your student will be creating a pumpkin character that they will share with the class. I have seen everything from a beautiful Pumpkin Turkey to a Jeremy Lin Pumpkin! Other classes will come by to vote on pumpkins in the hallway.

- 1. Go to the store and buy a pumpkin. You can get any size or color.
- 2. Think of your pumpkin as a head of a person. Decorate the pumpkin as a favorite book character, a famous person, animal or whatever person you would like to do. Maybe a princess pumpkin, teacher pumpkin, or even a dog pumpkin. Can you imagine a Mrs. McClintock pumpkin? A Mr. Threet pumpkin?
- 3. On a sheet of paper, type or *neatly* write a brief paragraph (5-8 sentences) telling me about your pumpkin person. What is your pumpkin's name? Why did you select your person, character or animal? Describe with details how you created it.
- 4. Bring your pumpkin person to school on Wednesday, October 18th.

***Please do not cut/carve these pumpkins, as they will rot. Only decorate the outside of the pumpkin.

Characters Come Alive:

I'm excited to announce that our class will be having Book Character Day in a few weeks on______. On that day, each student should come to school dressed up as a character from a favorite book. The character must be from a book they have read (not just from a movie or cartoon they have watched), and your child should be prepared to describe both the character and the book by writing a 5-8 sentence paragraph explaining who they are.

Thanks and have a great day!