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Dear Parents,

The warm weather has left and fall is settling in as we too are settling in at St. Pat's for another school year. The year is off to a wonderful start and lots of learning is going on everywhere you go. The teachers and students are all excited about the Smartboards in their classrooms and lots of terrific topics are taught and learned with this new technology in our building.

Conversational Spanish is also a big hit in all the classrooms. The students have all learned the "Sign of the Cross" and every grade level is now learning a different prayer. It is our goal that in October we will be able to say most of the rosary in Spanish. Students will continue to focus on learning all their prayers in Spanish as the school year progresses. The next unit is focused on going to a restaurant. In the next few weeks they will also have units on items in the classroom and emotions and feelings.

Through professional development the faculty continues to work on their CRISS strategies and effective teaching. For professional development in the faith formation area we are focusing on "Building a Spiritual Community Among the Faculty". They are truly a fantastic group of teachers who are dedicated to insuring that each child's needs are being met.

October will be busy month for everyone at St. Pat's school. A few of the events going on are: picture day, Iowa Assessment week (formerly known as ITBS), Red Ribbon Week, Fall Festival, and Day of the Dead Celebration. Watch the calendar for important dates every week.

If you would like to volunteer in any capacity at the school please let me know. We are always looking for people to read to and with the students, help with art projects, volunteer in the classrooms and help in the lunchroom.

Enjoy the cooler weather as the seasons change and nature takes on a new look!

God's Blessings,

Tonya Eaton