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Dear Parents,

In case you haven't noticed yet, we love reading! Whenever we have the opportunity we celebrate reading with children, as we recently did as part of a world-wide reading activity called Read for the Record. For this event, the Pearson Publishing Company distributed copies of the book Llama Llama Red Pajama to all of the elementary schools in America including The Friendship School and we participated by reading the book to all of the children who came to school that day. Through the Waterford Board of Education every TFS classroom received a copy of the book to keep and our dual language kindergarten even received two copies, one in English, and one in Spanish.

One of the reasons that The Friendship School exists is to prepare our students to be successful in school both while they are here and beyond. An important way that we do this is by reading to them every day and by encouraging you to do the same. We believe that children who come to love books this way, will increase their knowledge of words and will be excited about learning to read on their own when they are ready. It's all about getting them ready to enter the wonderful world of books with excitement and with the skills they need to be successful.

Recently, our Literacy Specialist, Mrs. Kerop, has prepared Literacy Bags of one type or another for each class to use as special at home activities which support reading. Every student will have a turn to take one home during the year and they will return them for the next student to use. We hope you enjoy these packets at home and that you help your child and participate with him or her using the suggested activities.

So, I hope you read a good book with your children this weekend and I will look forward to seeing you at the fun Harvest Party on Saturday from 3-6 and at the Hispanic Heritage dinner next Wednesday evening at 6.  
Kathy

**IMPORTANT: From the Nurses Office**

New, 2011, State of CT immunization requirements for Pre-Kindergarten include a Flu vaccine by December 31, 2011 and both doses of the Hepatitis vaccine. Please turn in a record of these shots to the Friendship School nurse if your child has had them done. If your child has not yet received either of these shots for Pre-K, please make an appointment with your pediatrician as soon as possible. If you have signed up with the School Based Health Center nurse practitioner, please call her to make an appointment for these shots, which will be free of charge from School Based Health. That phone number is 447-4049, ext. 1220. If you have any questions about the public school required immunizations, feel free to call the Friendship School Nurse at 447-4049, ext. 1215.

All students are required to have an up-to-date physical and immunizations turned in to school. As your child's physical on file at school becomes over a year old, a reminder memo will be sent home in the back pack to have a school physical form completed by your doctor for school at your next physical exam. Physicals can also be performed by the School Based Health nurse practitioner free of charge, if you are signed up with School Based Health.  
Nurse Lori

**A note about school pictures:** Picture retakes are on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10a.m. **Class pictures are not distributed until several weeks after the retakes. Please return your entire picture package on retake day.** Any questions you can call Lifetouch at 1-866-955-8342. Thanks!

**OCTOBER**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3</b> Spirit Wear Orders Due	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> FFO Meeting 6:00pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>10</b> Columbus Day- <b>NO</b> <b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>11</b> Professional Day <b>NO</b> <b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Meadow- Brook Orders Distributed	<b>21</b> Meadow- Brook Orders Distributed
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Hispanic Heritage Night- 6pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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**Save the date for the TFS Fall Festival:**  
**Date: October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Time: 3pm-6pm**  
**Location: The Friendship School- inside**  
**Join us for an afternoon of dress-up, games, and crafts!**