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Dear Parents,

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What a strange week we've had weather-wise! We've gone from freezing temperatures to temps in the 60's and back to freezing, from rainy to windy to sunny. It's all been interesting, and we enjoyed our brief encounters outdoors during the nice weather. Our days have been just as busy and enjoyable as the weather has been changeable.

We will be watching for nice weather next week in order to practice our emergency exit drill for this month. (We do not go outside on very cold or wet weather days for drills; thus, we missed our scheduled practice for today.) I am sure you keep those fireplaces going during this cold and wet weather, and I hope you have an emergency exit plan in place at home for your family and pets should the unthinkable occur. (In case you are curious: our goal for drills at school is to empty the building in less than 1 minute – preferably less than 50 seconds. We have actually had everyone out in an orderly manner in 42 seconds in the past!) Stay warm AND be safe through the remaining winter weather!

The 100th day of school will be celebrated in many of our classrooms next Tuesday! To be so far into the school year seems like an impossibility, but the count is correct – we know because we have been watching the number lines grow in kindergarten and first grade classrooms as the year has progressed. Much learning and growth have already taken place and we will continue striving toward our goal of excellence in all ways at Ethridge.

Try to check your child's account in the cafeteria regularly to be sure it is kept up-to-date. You can make payments online by "going to" <http://www.lisd.net/childnutrition/onlinepayments>, or, if you have questions, please call 972-350-5551 and Mrs. Wright, cafeteria manager, will be happy to help.

REMINDERS: 1) Classrooms are locked for confidentiality maintenance after school, and custodians have been directed not to open rooms for anyone. Please remind your child that "forgotten" items are not retrievable after 3:45. 2) *Regarding illnesses:* While we do not want our children to be ill and miss school, please, by the same token, do not send a child complaining of being ill to school with the instruction "If you don't get to feeling better, you can call me and I will pick you up later." When you tell a child this, you set the stage for being called by a child "ready" to go home by about 9:00 – sick or not. If you decide your child is well enough to go to school, send them with the idea that they should be fine and you will see them at 3:00 (If they DO become ill, however, please be assured that you will be called.) 3) Please help us maintain safety and discipline at dismissal time by a) waiting to meet your child outside, b) requiring your child to stay by your side (rather than allowing games of chase, etc., while they wait for you to finish business), and c) if you have a conference with a teacher immediately after school, please check in and wait at the office until the teacher meets you there. Your help in these matters will be greatly appreciated.

Our "found" collection is growing again. If your child has lost anything since Christmas, remind him/her to "check and retrieve"! We will be sending items to CCA that are not claimed before Spring Break in March. You, also, are welcome to come look through the collection as a "double-check" for lost items.

Our February calendar has been updated on our website. Keep sending in those Tyson labels and Boxtops, and have a safe and happy family weekend! (Send Eagle folders/planners back signed, please!) ☺

Sincerely,

Linda Humphrey

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