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Dear Parents,

September has come and gone at P.S. #33. It was a busy month filled with a seemingly endless influx of forms and documents. Now that your writing hands have been given a short break, I hope everything is well.

**\*\*\*Many 100 Book Challenge books have gone missing this past month. They are often left at home and forgotten. Please take a look around your home and help us recover our lost books.\*\*\***

As always, communication plays an important part in helping your child succeed in school. There are many different methods used to relay essential information.

These include:

- Letters, forms, documents etc... It is important that you check your child's backpack daily for any important notices.
- Our digital sign in front of the school - frequently updated with vital information.
- A Digital phone bank - used to contact you regarding closings, emergencies, and school events. (If you have never received a call, please make sure that the main office has a working phone number.)
- Our website at www.icboe.org - select P.S. #33 from the schools drop-down menu. Click on each tab on our site to learn a little about the different programs and activities at P.S. #33. The web links tab will provide you with websites that will aid you in helping your child to build specific age-appropriate skills.
- **Visit me!** You are free to see the principal at anytime, without an appointment, to discuss any concerns you may have. If you wish to see your child's teacher, please send a note or call the school to schedule an appointment.

**School is closed Monday, October 12, 2009, in observance of Columbus Day. Wednesday, October 21, is a half day. Dismissal is at 12:45 p.m. There will be no C.A.S.P.E.R. that day. Please make arrangements to pick up your child on time.** A new policy has been instated to decrease transition time and increase instructional time at the start of our day. Therefore, please ensure that your child is here promptly, everyday, by 8:30 a.m.

*Double parking outside of the school is **prohibited**.* Police will be performing random checks and you will be ticketed if you are double parked. Double parking jeopardizes your child's safety.

**I hope to see many of you at our Halloween Parade on Friday, October 30 at 9:30 a.m. On the same day, the PTA will be sponsoring a fundraiser involving photographs with "The Great Pumpkin".** More information will follow as we get closer to the event. Thank you for supporting our school.

Sincerely,

Frank Piccillo