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Dear Families:

On Monday, Oct. 31, we will have a little classroom Halloween celebration. I will bring in some snacks to share and we will enjoy some activities together at the end of the day. Please don't send in Halloween costumes, masks, or face paint, per White River School rules.

Your child is welcome to save up any green color squares they earn for behavior here at school (I know many already do save these slips of paper at home). When students save up 15 green squares—whether that takes just 15 school days or longer than that—they can bring their green squares back to me (as long as they aren't wrinkled or drawn on) and trade them in for something special. They might earn a little prize, and I will be able to reuse the color squares.

Your child may have come home recently talking about the moon. This is what we have been studying in science. We focus a lot on the patterns of the way the moon looks in the sky over the course of each month (the lunar phases). We have learned the moon is always the same shape—a ball—but that the position of the moon in relation to the sun and earth cause us to see different amounts of the lit side at different times. We have read books that describe these phases and we have colored black circles using white chalk to show what we see for each phase. Students will soon glue these moon phases down on a strip of paper and label them. They can bring them home and teach you all about it. We read a book called *What is a Cycle?* and learned that a cycle is something that happens over and over again in the same way and the moon's phases is one example. We have also read some amazing information picture books such as *If you Decide to Go to the Moon* and *Moonshot* that describe what a journey to the moon is like for an astronaut.

--Amanda