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Dear Parents,

We continue to be very busy here at ECLC. This week our CBI (Community Based Instruction) trips included TD Bank, Kings, Wightman Farms, Shop Rite, Great Swamp, Costco, Livingston Mall, Stop and Shop and Alstede Farms. These field trips allow us to practice many of the skills we work on here in school and at home as well!

Today we had an assembly on Earth Science. The Grand Falloons presented "Our Earth" in a very engaging and exciting manner. We have had the Grand Falloons perform for us before on a variety of science topics. They are always a great hit with the students as they are very entertaining!

Each month we will be sharing the theme of our Social Skills Group. We will be practicing this topic throughout the school and we hope you can do so at home as well! For the month of October we will be focusing on friendships. How can we make friends, how to be a good friend and how to help a friend are some of the topics that will be covered in your child's homeroom and Social Skills Group. Please reinforce these skills at home as well.

Our first Parent Workshop will be next Tuesday, October 16th here at ECLC. A sign up sheet will be coming home soon but please mark your calendars! The workshop is titled "Long Term Planning for your Child with Special Needs" and will be presented by Lori Wolf. It will be held during Teen Connecting with Teens. Please join us to learn about preserving eligibility for government benefits using special needs trusts and Able act accounts. We will also discuss the possible need for a guardianship action at age 18 and a financial advisor will discuss the funding of special needs trusts.

Reminders:

- There is no school this Monday, October 8th for Columbus Day.
- Teens Connecting with Teens begins this Tuesday, October 9th if you registered your child for the program. It begins at 7:00.
- The PTO will have a meeting beginning at 7:30 while Teens Connecting with Teens is going on if you are interested in attending! The meeting is here at ECLC.

Enjoy the long weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Allison Clemens".

Allison Clemens
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