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Welcome to the fall season! As the leaves turn color, it reminds me of the changes that I am seeing each and every day as our students grow at Nelson. The students are learning so much, growing both academically and socially, it's truly a transformation before our eyes!

Coming up during our Late Start Wednesday this week, our own fourth grade teacher and Eureka Math Fellow, Mrs. Carrie Thornton, will be providing professional development to our staff in regards to effective math strategies for teacher to implement with students. Additionally, teachers will then have time to meet in their Professional Learning Communities to plan instruction accordingly, using the shared strategies.

Pending Board approval, I am happy to announce that Cathy DeHut will be joining the Nelson Staff in our front office. Mrs. DeHut comes to Nelson with an enormous amount of office experience and a love for Nelson! We are extremely grateful to have her join the crew!

This week we celebrated students that have been demonstrating "Showing Kindness" during the month of October. Kudos to them and to you! Your influence and guidance at home serves them well here, at Nelson! During the month of November, our focus will be "Taking Responsibility". A bulletin board is up in the foyer highlighting the positive actions of our students.

Developmentally, kids demonstrate their emotions differently. Here is a link to an article that you may find interesting: <http://www.heysigmund.com/anxiety-or-aggression-children/>

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Kris Hillius
Principal