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Dear Parents,

Yesterday a very unfortunate accident happened on the playground. A first grade student ran into one of the cement benches. He received a severe cut to his head and was transported to Children's Hospital. He underwent surgery to suture the cut and returned home last evening. He will be returning to school in a few days. As you are aware, recess has been an ongoing issue this year due to the limited space. Splitting the lunches has helped tremendously, but still the courtyard remains to be a problem. I talked to the Superintendent this morning about the issues at recess. After discussion, he and I have decided to have recess in the gym until the play structure is installed. The play structure was approved at last night's School Committee meeting and will be installed shortly.

Some of the physical education classes will need to be switched around. Therefore, over the next few days, Mr. Nihan will be reviewing the schedules and the children will then begin having recess in the gym. We will continue to remain with the split recess in order to limit the number of children playing at one time. For the remainder of this week, the children will remain in the cafeteria as they do when it is inclement weather.

If you have further questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Karen J. Callan
Principal