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Dear Parents of Fourth Graders,

This year your children have worked to expand their understanding of music through singing, movement, instrumental activities, and theoretical studies. This winter, we will share what we have learned through a performance of Demi’s interpretation of the Chinese folktale *The Empty Pot.*

Your children have worked very hard to bring this story to life, and are excited to share it with you! In preparation for this performance, your children have created much of the music, and will be performing it all themselves. They have also written dances for each of the pieces and helped to make decisions about the script. We will have two performances of this celebration on Thursday, February 2nd in the school gymnasium. The first performance will be at 2:30, and the second will be at 6:30 pm.

Much of the work the children did in creating the music and movement for the program was done in cooperative groups. Consequently, full attendance is essential in making the performance as meaningful and fulfilling as possible. If you are unable to attend the evening performance, your child will be asked not to perform in the afternoon performance. This is done to give the remaining children the opportunity to re-work their dance to accommodate any missing members. Please let me know as soon as possible if your child will not be able to attend the performance.

Because there are over 100 students participating in the performance I will only be able to provide a part of each costume. In most cases, this means a sash or a tunic. Consequently, it will be necessary to ask each of the children to provide the remaining pieces of their own costume. In all cases, I have tried to use elements that are easy and inexpensive to obtain. I have also tried to select pieces that can be reused in everyday life after the program. **For this year’s performance each student will need to bring in a pair of black pants. Girls may bring in leggings if they wish. I will provide all other costume pieces.**

Thank you for your support, and I look forward to seeing you the night of February 2nd. Again, if you have any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to call or write.

Sincerely,

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