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Sent: Saturday, March 10, 2012 2:55 PM
To: DySard, Alexandra; Bennett, Jim N.
Cc: 'Regan Becker'; 'Claudia Toner'
Subject: RE: preparations for Friday

Dear Alex and Jim,

Thank you so much for the opportunity you gave my class to help take care of the forest in Ardmore Park. We go there frequently to enjoy its magical atmosphere, learn about nature, and play. Learning to understanding the roles of human beings in our ecosystem is a key element of Montessori education, and this hands-on lesson in care of the forest will stay with the children for a long time. Jim, you gave a perfect Montessori lesson for this age group before we began our work. I think you would have been pleased to hear the children talk about the tree families and the disease that spreads through the roots of the trees in our follow-up discussion back at school. I hope that we did a good job for the trees we planted and that there will be more opportunities for Eton School students to care for the park in the future.

With High Regards,
Laura Balcom

