Dear Loomis Family,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to inform you of the death of one of our students. Around noontime Friday, parents informed us that first grader Michael Presser had passed away peacefully early Friday morning. Over the course of the past week, Michael was diagnosed with Leukemia and experienced several complications. We remember Michael as a sweet, energetic and inquisitive sports fan. We covet your thoughts and prayers for this dear family as they face the unimaginable grief of the loss of their son.

Your child has not yet been informed of this news. We would like to allow you the weekend to share what you feel is appropriate with your child and have attached some resources to guide you in this task.

Our first grade teachers, Mrs. Gerhard and Mrs. Stalker, our Guidance Counselor, Miss Newton and I will be talking with the first graders on Monday morning. We realize that news of this nature cannot be contained and that students in other grades may also be aware of this news. Therefore, classroom teachers, in grades 2-5, will be sharing a very brief, age-appropriate message with their classes on Monday morning. No communication will be made by the school to our kindergarten students. If you do not wish for your child to be a part of this discussion, please send in a note first thing Monday morning.

Thank you for your support of your child and our school at this challenging time.

Sincerely,

Christine White
Principal