



St. Mary of the Lake School

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To the St. Paul Parents:

We are most grateful to you for your continued generosity in providing our students with winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves from the Operation Warm Hug. Our enrollment of new immigrant children from Africa and the Iraq has continued at a steady pace. These people are experiencing winter for the first time, and have no idea what a Chicago winter is like. Snow is a mystery. This year, more than ever, many of our families are living in apartments with inadequate heat, or places in which the gas and electricity has been turned off. They use their coats and scarves for sleeping as well as outer wear.

We are well aware that the economy has not reached its expected surge of improvement. We are truly grateful for your continued generosity to those who are hired last, and are paid the least. A special thanks to those of you who sent handmade fleece, crocheted, and knitted clothing for the children. The students recognize that they were made by individuals who care about other individuals – a most important lesson.

At this time of the year, the efforts of the school staff to gather, pack and transport these bags and boxes is truly appreciated.

Cordially,

Christine M. Boyd
Principal