**LANTERN SAFETY SHEET**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today your child is bringing home a special Halloween lantern and there is some important safety tips we want you to have to ensure it’s safe use. If it is used safely this lantern will be a fun and creative addition to the season’s festivities. The following safety recommendations are common sense tips to ensure the safety of your child and family. Please read these over and review them with your child so that you reinforce the importance of handling their lantern with care:

1. The handle on the lantern has been checked to ensure it is secured firmly, but it is made of wire, which may slip out of place over time and with use. To ensure that the jar does not become detached from the handle, fall and break, please check before each use to ensure the handle remains firmly attached.

2. The lantern is intended to hold a small tea light, nothing more. A larger candle will generate more heat and could burn the user. Even the tea light can cause the jar to heat so should be used with caution at all times. It is wise to check the lantern from time to time to ensure it does not become hot to the touch. This is unlikely to happen with a simple tea light if it stays in the centre of the lantern, but if this should happen, simply extinguish the candle flame and allow the lantern to cool.

Battery powered tea lights can also be used and these can be purchased at most dollar stores.

3. Lighting the tea light inside the lantern should be done by an adult using a long match, or a lighter with an extension.

4. If the lit lantern is used as part of a Halloween display, it should be placed so that it is clear of anything flammable and where it cannot be knocked over accidentally.

5. Ensure that the lantern is used under adult supervision at all times, and that it is extinguished when not in use. It should be stored away safely to prevent breakage.

We wish you much pleasure in enjoying your lantern,

Most Sincerely,

Ms. Frizzle