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1 problem. When it's cold, I keep my sweater on all day. Sometimes I make paper fans when it's hot,
2 but my teacher takes them away and I have to face the wall because I made the fans. Other kids get
3 hot, too, and they make fans and gasp and ask the teacher if we can get a big glass of water.

4 7. We used to have a real fan in our class but we gave it away to another class that's not
5 in the "pod" because that class didn't have a fan. Classrooms in the "pod" have the most air
6 conditioning. But it wasn't my idea to give the fan away. I'd rather still have the fan in our class
7 because our class is still hot.

8 8. Our classroom is too crowded. It's a really small room. We knock over backpacks
9 when we walk around. Other kids get mad if I knock over their backpacks. During reading time,
10 sometimes the teacher lets us read anywhere in the room, but there are people in all the good spots
11 so I have to lay under my desk. It hurts to lay under the desk--don't try it. If we had a bigger room,
12 there would be more good spots to read in. Also, if we had a bigger room we'd possibly have more
13 projects we could do. The teacher says we don't have enough room and that's why we don't do more
14 projects, like science experiments.

15 9. My whole school is really crowded. The first and second graders go to recess and
16 lunch at certain times; then the third and fourth graders go; then the fifth and sixth graders go. If we
17 put the fourth, fifth, and sixth graders on recess and lunch all at the same time, we would be really
18 really crowded. I know we would be so crowded because I wrote an article about the crowding for
19 our class newspaper at the beginning of the year, and I interviewed the vice principal for the article.
20 The vice principal told me the school would be too crowded if we put three classes of kids on recess
21 and lunch at the same time.

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10. Our recess is really short. It's about 9 minutes long. I think it's so short because we have to have recesses on separate timing instead of having all the kids out on recess at the same time. I want to go to school where there's a longer recess that's not crowded and where there is enough room for everybody in the entire school.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on April 12, 2000 at Fresno, California.

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