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Dear Families,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a fantastic vacation! It is so hard to believe this is the last week in April. This is the busiest time of the year for us with several special events in our plans. Mother's Day Tea, Field Day, the Kindergarten/First Grade Field Trip, and Kindergarten Graduation will be keeping us very busy.

This week in reading, the big book, *Something Special*, is a fantasy story. The children will read about Sam, who finally discovers that he can do something wonderful, and special too. We will explore the question, "What causes events in a story to happen?"

We will also read *Curious George Makes Pancakes*. This is a fantasy story about a curious monkey named George. He helps the cook make pancakes at the big pancake breakfast held every year to raise money for the children's hospital. The people love George's pancakes. The mayor is so grateful that he asks George to present the money from the fundraiser to the hospital.

The word wall words are **do** and **down**. The letter of the week is **short u**. We will be focusing on the sound short Uu makes and reviewing the rime families, _ut, _ub, _un, and _ug. The grammar lesson for this week is singular and plural nouns. The children will learn often we add s or es to a noun to make more than one. Several examples we will use are: pencil – pencils, fox – foxes. We will also learn how to write a response to a story. The children will be writing their opinion about what they liked, what they didn't like, and their favorite part of the story. The Decodable Readers are *All In* and *Bug and Cat*.

There will be a **spelling test on Wednesday** this week. It will include ten words and three-dictated sentences.

In math, the Chapter 5 test will be given on Wednesday morning. We will begin Chapter 6: Tables and Graphs on Friday. The children will write the number of objects in a group to match the number of tally marks. In addition, five math packets: addition, subtraction, higher numbers from one to one hundred, tables and graphs, and money will be completed throughout the remainder of the year.

The religion lesson is "We Celebrate that Jesus is Our Friend" is being postponed to next week. Jesus is our good friend and is always with us.

Eighth Grade Dress Down Day is this Tuesday, April 24th. If your child is dressing down, please send in the coupon or \$2.00 in your child's folder.

Mrs. Ferreira sent the **Scholastic Book Flyers** home. This is the final order form you will receive. If you are planning to order books, please place your order on or before April 30th. Thank you.

On Wednesday, May 9th, your children will be hosting a **Mother's Day Tea** from 9:00am to 10:00am. Please return the response card by Tuesday, May 1st. We want to make sure every child will have a mother, a grandmother, or someone very special to him or her attending. The children can't wait to show you all the projects they have been working on!

We hope many dads and daughters will be able to attend the **Daddy Daughter Dance** at the Providence Marriott Hotel on May 4th at 6:00pm. The cost is \$46.00 per couple and \$19.00 for each additional child. It is always a wonderful event that builds special memories.

The permission slip for **Field Day** at the Seekonk Swim & Tennis Club on Monday, June 4th, went home before spring vacation. **Please send in the completed form and payment by Friday, May 11th**. We hope many of you will be able to chaperone this event. If you are hesitant about letting your child swim, pre-k and kindergarten children will only be using the wading pool at the club. It is a great way to cool off and they will be able to swim at anytime throughout the day. The last few years, we had many chaperones for kindergarten, so supervision was very good. We hope this will make you feel more comfortable with this activity.

Kindergarten Graduation will take place on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 9:00 am in the Church Hall, lasting approximately ninety minutes. Any family members you wish to invite are also welcome to attend. At the conclusion of this program, the kindergarten school year is completed and your child is able to go home with you. We are very excited and will be making this a special day for everyone.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira