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Dear Families,

Happy May Day on Tuesday! It is so hard to believe a new month is already here. May is one of the busiest months of the year. We are so excited for Mother's Day Tea next Wednesday, May 9th, and our field trip to Roger Williams Park Zoo on May 23rd.

This week in reading, the big book, *One of Three*, is a realistic fiction. Sometimes it's no fun to be the youngest child in the family. The children will read about three sisters and how the youngest sister sometimes feels left out. However, sometimes she is alone with Mom and Dad, and that is special, too! We will explore the question, "How can I compare and contrast things from a story?"

We will also read *Someone Bigger*. This is a fiction about a boy named Sam, who wants to fly the big kite he and Dad made, but Dad says he is too small. His dad flies the kite and gets carried away into the air. Lots of people and animals try to help get Dad down, but they get carried away, too. How will they come down?

The word wall words are **have** and **help**. The letters of the week are **Ll** and **Ww**. We will be focusing on the sounds Ll and Ww make, as well as words that begin with Ll and Ww. The grammar lesson for this week is subject and verb agreement. The children will learn when we talk about one person, the verb usually ends with s. When we talk about more than one person, the verb usually does not end with s. We will also continue learning 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. This week, they will include the reason they feel the way they do. The Decodable Readers are *Win a Cup* and *Wes Can Help*.

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

STAR testing will begin May 7th and will be completed by May 18th. A copy of the scores will be sent home with your final report card. If I feel a conference is necessary before then, I will schedule a time with you to review the results.

This week, in math, we will be using tallies to record and interpret data on a pictograph. In addition, we

will continue to complete math packets throughout the remainder of the year.

The religion lesson is "We Celebrate that Jesus is Our Friend." Jesus is our good friend and is always with us.

On Friday, May 4th, kindergarten will be using the second dress-down day given by Mrs. Tetzner for donating so many personal hygiene items to the John Paul II Food Pantry last October! When dressing down, please refer to the Parent and Student Handbook (non-uniform days) to assure appropriate dress-down clothing. Thank you to the entire class for all your donations!

Information and an additional permission slip, along with a chaperone response slip at the bottom, went home last week for our Kindergarten/ Pre-k/1st Grade Field Trip to the **Roger William's Park Zoo on Wednesday, May 23rd**. We will be visiting the zoo and also be participating in the educational program provided by the zoo staff! **Please return your permission form and check by Monday, May 7th** so it can be processed. **Also, fill out the bottom of the first page regarding the chaperone information response and send it to school immediately so we can figure out how many and the cost for each chaperone.** This will greatly help us with our planning. If you have a Roger Williams Zoo Membership and are willing to use it, we would appreciate it, as it would defray the cost for all chaperones. We only have a certain number of free passes, and we would like to divide the money evenly amongst all chaperones to be fair to all. It will be a terrific trip. Everyone is really looking forward to going to the zoo, learning about "Creatures of the Night" and being together.

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 Monday, April 30th. Thank you.

Just a reminder: 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.

Come to the **8th Grade Car Wash** fundraiser on May 6, 2018 at Papa Gino's on Newport Avenue, East Providence, RI. Cars and trucks are \$5.00. Please come join the 8th grade class from 12:00pm to 3:00pm and see your vehicle sparkle!

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