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Dear Families,

It's hard to believe the field trip to Confreda Farm is already here! The weather looks beautiful. We are all looking forward to our trip to the farm. We will paint the pumpkins we picked at the farm on Tuesday afternoon. What a fun week we will have!

So many children attended the Halloween Party last Friday night! What a wonderful evening! The decorations were spectacular, the food was delicious, and the music kept the party hopping. It really was an enjoyable event.

This week in reading, the big book, *Kite Flying*, is a realistic fiction story about a family that works together to make and fly a dragon kite. Sequence of events, telling the order in which things happen, will be the focus. We'll explore the question, "Why is the order in which things happen in a story important?"

We'll also read *The Little Red Hen*, a folk tale and fable about a Little Red Hen who finds some wheat seeds. She decides to plant the seeds to make flour for a cake she wants to bake. The Little Red Hen asks her friends to help her, but her friends always refuse. When the cake is ready, her friends want to eat. The Little Red Hen tells them that if they want to share the cake they have to share the work, too! A good lesson for all to learn!

The word wall words **and, I, like, am, can, would, because,** and **the** will be reviewed. The letter of the week is **Ss**. We will be focusing on the sound **Ss** makes, and naming, writing, and drawing pictures of words that begin with that sound. Action verbs in present tense will be reviewed. In writing, what we call class story, will focus on using more details within each sentence. We will be writing several sentences about the topic, *My Favorite Toy*. We will start with ideas, expand to sentences, and then add more detail to our final writing, making our story more interesting to read.

The Decodable Readers are *Ss*, a picture story, and *I Like Ss*. Again, as your child reads this book to you, have him or her point to each word as it is read. Thank you for your help!

In math, we will be identifying plane figures that make up the flat surfaces of solids. An example of this is a square makes up the flat surfaces of a cube. We will be making solid shapes out of Play-doh, which we are sure will be a hit!

On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons, we will complete a religious program called **The Circle of Grace**. The goal of this program is to educate and empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others. A notice is going home today with details of each lesson, including goals and vocabulary used. Please talk to your child about this program. It was very successful last year and it will be reinforced each year in all grade levels.

Mrs. Ferreira is sending out another **Scholastic Book** order form with many Thanksgiving books available to purchase. In order to receive these books before the holiday, please purchase books online before Wednesday, November 8th. Thank you.

It's **Grandparents' Day** on Tuesday, November 21st, from 8:45am to 11:00am. We know it's a month away, but we want you to be able to clear your calendars. Grandparents will be directed to the classroom upon arrival so they may then walk together with the students to the church for Mass beginning at 9:00am. Coffee and pastries will be served at the school afterwards followed by time in the classroom to enjoy with the students. Take home a keepsake for a nominal cost of \$5.00 for a 5X7 photo. Grandparents can arrive as early as 8:30am to begin taking photographs. Please complete and return the form by Monday, November 13th if you plan to attend so we can plan for this special day.

Have a great week!

Thank you,
Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira