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Dear Families,

What a terrific time we had on Monday at Confreda Farms! The weather was beautiful, sunny and warm. The wagon ride was sometimes bumpy, making it fun and exciting. The children enjoyed hearing the story "The Legend of Spookley the Square Pumpkin." We took a walk through the corn maze and were able to pick a good-sized pumpkin that we had fun painting on Tuesday. It turned out to be a great day!

Please see our classroom website scsri.org for pictures of last week's activities. Click on the web page tab and click on kindergarten for detailed information.

Speaking of fun, we had a terrific time making solid shapes out of Play-doh last week. Cylinders, cones, spheres, cubes, and rectangular prisms were constructed with ease. Thank you to Mrs. Mulak for donating the Play-doh! The whole class enjoyed this activity!

During the next few weeks, we'll discuss the theme **Show and Tell**. Real and fictional characters will help us learn about sights and sounds, as well as shapes and movement. We will talk about the idea, "Books help us learn new things."

This week in reading, the big book, *My Five Senses*, is an informational text. We'll ask the question, "How are the five senses the same and how are they different?" We will read about our senses and how we use them, sometimes without even knowing it!

We'll also read *Listen, Listen*, a concept book about the many sounds we hear in autumn, winter, spring, and summer. We will discuss the sounds of animals and other things we hear during each season.

The word wall words are **see** and **friend**. The letter of the week is **Aa**. We will be focusing on the sound Aa makes, naming, writing, and drawing pictures of words that begin with that sound. Sensory words, (sweet, bright, loud, buzz, etc.) will be explored. We will incorporate these words in our sentences to begin descriptive writing.

The Decodable Readers are *Aa*, a picture story, and *I See*. Again, as your child reads this book to you, have him or her point to each word as it is read.

Many of you already review the work we do in school at home, and we do appreciate it very much. It helps your child tremendously and is so important at this age and level. Please continue to review all papers that go home with your child. Ask them to explain what the paper is all about. For example, in phonics, review letter sounds and words that begin with that sound. Challenge your child to think of words that end with that sound. The children are beginning to sound out words and write sentences independently. Their confidence level will increase with more practice and you will see a dramatic improvement very quickly. It is so important to reinforce the concepts we do at school in a different environment.

In math, the children will discuss the properties of a triangle. A corner is where two sides meet and the triangle has three sides. We will also identify the four corners and four sides of a square and a rectangle, and learn that a circle has no sides and no corners. Another fun activity they always enjoy!

This week's chapters in religion are: "The Church Year", emphasizing that we celebrate God's love all year, during every season. "Ordinary Time" is a chapter focusing on the Saints. Jesus' friends lived their lives loving God and they are called Saints.

On Wednesday, November 1st, we will be attending **Mass** celebrating **All Saints Day** at 8:30am. All are welcome to join us. Just a reminder: All students must wear their school uniforms. No dress-down coupons are accepted on any Mass day. Thank you for understanding.

The **Scholastic Book** order form went home last week. There are a few Thanksgiving and many Christmas books in these flyers. This will be the only order we will be placing before Christmas. Please keep this in mind if you plan to purchase any as gifts. In order to receive these books before the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday, the order form is **due on Wednesday, November 8th**. Thank you.

The **Saint Cecilia School Food Drive** officially begins on Wednesday, November 1st and will conclude on Friday, November 17th. Each class will be keeping track of how many non-perishable food items they collect. **The class with the most items will receive a**

special ice cream sundae treat and two dress-down days from Mrs. Tetzner. Go Kindergarten!! Please be as generous as you can. So many people need our help at this time of year.

Please help support our **Sports Program** by purchasing coupons that enable your child to dress down on specified days throughout the year. The money for the coupon booklets allow for the school to purchase new sporting equipment, uniforms and first aid kits as needed. The children (and teachers too!) enjoy wearing "regular clothes" to school occasionally, and the donations go to a very important program in our school!

Lifetouch Pictures will be at St. Cecilia School, Monday, November 20th. If your child was absent or you would like to have your child's picture retaken, please send in the original package.

Grandparents' Day is 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.

The PTO is hosting a **St. Cecilia School Family Dinner Dance Celebration** with a western theme on Thursday, November 9th, from 6:00pm to 8:30pm in the St. Cecilia Church Hall. The cost is \$7.00 per person. The cost per family of four is \$25.00. If there are more than four people attending, it will be \$7.00 per additional person. Please return the form with cash or check made payable to St. Cecilia School by November 2nd. Bring the whole family!

Have a great week!

Thank you,
Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira