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Dear Families,

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the **Parent/Teacher Conferences** on Wednesday, November 15th, from 2:30pm to 7:00pm. A notice is in your child's folder today. Please return the completed bottom portion indicating a time you would be available, giving me at least a range of a two-hour block. I will get back to you to let you know your exact time. Each conference is 10 minutes long. I would encourage an afternoon appointment if possible, as evening hours naturally tend to be busier.

On Tuesday, November 14th, you will be receiving a written **Conference Report** containing areas of achievement and areas for improvement, as well as the results of the Early Literacy Renaissance Star Testing in your child's folder. Please note kindergarten does not follow the Grade 1-8 Report Card schedule.

On Thursday, November 9th, kindergarten will be using one dress-down day given by Mrs. Tetzner for donating so many personal hygiene items to the John Paul II Food Pantry! 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!

This week in reading, the big book, *Mice Squeak, We Speak*, is a realistic fiction text. We'll read about animal and human communication, and ask the question, "How can I learn about the characters in a story?" An activity you might try at home is to play a compare and contrast game. Ask your child to choose some favorite animals and tell what they do differently from people. For example, say, "We talk, but dogs bark." Take turns making up sentences. You could also ask your child what it might be like to be an animal such as a mouse. How would it be different from being a person? How would it be the same? This activity would definitely spark discussion!

We will also read, *Amelia's Show and Tell Fiesta*, another realistic fiction text. A little girl, named Amelia, decides to wear her fiesta dress for show and tell. When she sees what her classmates have brought into school, she feels foolish. Once she begins telling the class about her fiesta dress, she feels right at home!

The word wall words are **we** and **at**. The letter of the week is **Tt**. We will be focusing on the sound Tt makes, naming, writing, and drawing pictures of words that begin with that sound. Sensory words, as well as descriptive sentences will be reviewed.

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

In math, we will combine and separate two-dimensional figures. One question we will be answering is, "How many triangles can we combine to make a hexagon?" The children will use felt shapes to help them answer this question. Another fun activity they always enjoy!

This week's chapter in religion is "God Made All People." God loves all people. God made all people good and gave people many gifts.

Please place your order for **Scholastic Books by Wednesday, November 8th**. 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. Thank you.

The Saint Cecilia School Food Drive officially began 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.

Just a reminder: **Lunch Menu Forms need to be returned no later than November 17th** in order to receive Hot Lunch for the month of December.

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.

Just a reminder: There is **no school on Friday, November 10th**, in honor of Veteran's Day.

Have a great three-day weekend!

Thank you,
Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira