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Dear Families,

This is the last week we are collecting **mittens and hats to give to St. Vincent DePaul** so they can distribute them to families in need. If you have not done so already, please bring in your items before Friday, December 15th. We would like to take a class picture with our collection to send to the Feinstein Newsletter. Thank you in advance for your donation.

Santa's Shop, a shopping spree just for the children, is on December 12th, 1:00pm – 3:00pm and December 13th, 9:00am – 4:00pm. The PTO is sponsoring this event to encourage our children to make their own gift giving selections. The gifts are moderately priced, starting at 25 cents, with the majority of items under \$4.00. Besides shopping, there will be some great prizes up for grabs in the 25 cent raffles, fun games, and a spin prize wheel for those who purchase items. If you would like your child to purchase Christmas gifts for individuals in your family, please complete the Gift List Planner on the envelope provided to you with the flyer and place the appropriate amount of money inside. If you want to be present when your child is purchasing their gifts, Santa's Shop is opened after school so you and your child can visit it together. **We are planning to go to Santa's Shop as a class with our 8th Grade Buddies this Tuesday afternoon. This is the only time the class will be going to Santa's Shop during the week, so if you want your child to purchase any gifts, please send in the completed envelope and money on Tuesday morning.** We are looking forward to this exciting event of the season!

This week in reading, the big book, *Jump into January*, is a concept book. We'll learn about the months of the year and ask the question, "How are the months of the year the same and different?" A suggested, fun activity for you and your child to do to reinforce the changes of outdoor weather during the different seasons is to discuss a favorite outdoor place and what you do there. With your child, draw a picture of this place and encourage your child to write a sentence that tells about the picture.

We will also read, *Every Season*, an informational text. Beginning with spring, children tell what is so special about spring, summer, autumn, and finally, winter. When winter turns into spring again, the children are once again ready to experience all the things we find in that season.

The word wall words are **come** and **me**. The review letter of the week is **Aa**. We will be focusing on the sound Aa makes and reviewing the rime families, **_at**, **_an**, **_ap**, **_ag**, **_ad**, and **_ag**.

The grammar lesson for this week is the subject of a sentence. The children will learn that a sentence is a group of words that tells something. A sentence has two parts, a naming part (noun), and an action part (verb). The naming part is who or what the sentence is about and this is called the subject. We will also be writing story sentences, emphasizing that stories are more interesting when they tell about specific people, animals, places, and things. Details are also important to make a story more interesting.

The Decodable Readers are *Come and See Me* and *Pam and Me*. Again, as your child reads this book to you, have him or her point to each word as it is read.

In math, we began a new chapter last week exploring the relationships of direction and position in space, focusing on the understanding of position words. This week we will reinforce the concepts of left and right. We will be playing Simon Says and dancing the Hokey Pokey using left and right directions. It is an exciting, motivating lesson!

The religion lesson this week is "We Learn About God with Our Families." Families spend time together, keep us safe, teach us to share, and care for others.

Sports Dress Down Day is this Tuesday, December 12th. Please send the coupon in your child's folder if you are participating in this fundraiser.

The **Saint Cecilia School Christmas Hot Lunch** is on Friday, December 22nd at 11:00am in the Church Hall. The price is \$5.00 per student, which includes 1 slice of Papa Gino's pizza, a juice box, dessert, and entertainment by Keith Munslow. Keith Munslow is an artist and storyteller. He has entertained the students in the past and the presentation was fantastic! Not only was it educational, it was a great deal of fun! If you choose not to get a hot lunch, the price for the performance is \$2.00. Please return your form with cash or check (payable to St. Cecilia School) by December 15th.

The **Christmas Concert** is on Wednesday evening,

December 20th, and begins at 6:30pm. Please bring your child to the classroom at 6:00pm. The dress code for the concert is the **school uniform. The children can dress up their uniforms with Christmas accessories.** After the children perform, they will come back to their classroom in the school. They will be waiting for you to pick them up there so we can avoid any confusion. Please stay and enjoy the entire concert. The children are doing a wonderful job with the musical selections they are singing! We are sure they can't wait for you to see their performance.

Speaking of the Christmas Concert, **Win 2nd Row VIP Seats** for up to 6 people the night of the St. Cecilia School Christmas Concert! Tickets are \$5.00 a piece. Please return the money and form by December 15th. The winner will be notified on December 18th. The Grand Prize Winner will definitely be very happy the night of the concert!

The **January Hot Lunch Menu** went home last week. If you are planning to order hot lunch, please return the form and money no later than December 15, 2017.

The Knights of Columbus presents **Breakfast with Santa** on Sunday, December 17th. Attend Mass and enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet with Santa. The cost for the event is: adults-\$10.00, children-\$6, and families (2 adults and 3 children)-\$30.00. Space is limited so get your tickets early!

The PTO is beginning to collect items for the Classroom Raffle Baskets. **Spruce Up For Spring** is the basket theme for our kindergarten class. A donation of one item (\$5.00 to \$10.00) would be greatly appreciated. Suggested items are: gloves, Windex, Pine-sol, mop, Swiffer, dusters sponges, etc. **The donation deadline is Friday, December 22nd. Please try to honor the deadline so that the PTO parents can begin to create these fabulous raffles baskets during the vacation week.** Thank you in advance.

Have a great week!

Thank you,

Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira