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Dear Families,

It is so hard to believe the Christmas Holiday will soon be here! We are beginning the final week of school before Christmas vacation and many fun activities are being planned. It's a joy seeing the excitement in the children's faces waiting for that special day to come.

The **Christmas Concert** is this 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. If you purchased a raffle ticket for **VIP Seating**, the lucky ticket will be chosen today, December 18th!

Thank you so much for bringing in **mittens and hats to give to St. Vincent DePaul.** We collected 117 hats and mittens for families in need. The children were very happy to count and take a photo for the newsletter with the huge pile of winter mittens and hats in front of them. One boy said, "I am super excited to bring in hats and mittens for those who need them!" We are so proud of everyone!

This week in reading, the big book, *Snow*, is a fantasy book. This book is about how animals cope with winter weather. We will ask the question, "What clues help me figure out things the author does not tell me?"

We will also read, *Storm is Coming*, a fantasy book. The farmer tells Dog to get all the animals into the barn because a storm is coming. The animals wonder who Storm is and become fearful of him as the wind, rain, lightning, and thunder arrives. Finally, it grows still outside and the animals are relieved that Storm did not come after all.

The word wall words are **my** and **with**. The letter of the week is **Nn**. We will identify words that **begin with** and words that **end with** the letter n sound. The grammar lesson for this week is sentence parts, focusing on the verb in a sentence. The children will

review that a sentence is a group of words that tells a complete thought. The verb tells what a person, animal, or thing is doing. We will also be writing story sentences, emphasizing the importance of adding details to our writing. The Decodable Readers are *I Can Nap* and *Tap with Me*. Again, continue to point to each word as it is read.

In math, we will reinforce the concepts of before, between, and after on Wednesday. We will also review the position words: above, below, top, middle, bottom, over, on, under, left, right, between, before, and after. The Chapter 3 test will be given on Friday.

The religion lesson this week is *Christmas*. Each Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus. We will discuss some of the ways we celebrate Christmas and ways we welcome Jesus.

On Thursday, December 21st, we have our **first 8th Grade Dress Down Day**. 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. Keith Munslow will be providing entertainment. Keith Munslow is an artist and storyteller who 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. What a great way to end our week!

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.

Mrs. Ferreira and I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Have a wonderful vacation!

Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira