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Dear Families,

We are beginning the final three full weeks of school before Christmas vacation! There are many fun activities planned, as well as extra practices for the Christmas Concert. It's a joy seeing the excitement in the children's faces waiting for that special day to come.

Our kindergarten class is participating in a Feinsein Project to help families in our area keep warm this winter season. We are collecting **mittens and hats to give to St. Vincent DePaul** so they can distribute them to families in need. Please bring in your items before Friday, December 15th. We would like to take a class picture with our collection to send to the Feinsein Newsletter. Thank you in advance for your donation.

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!

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 cents 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 on 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, *Mouse Shapes*, is a concept book, teaching us about shapes. This book is about some mice that hide from a cat. The mice use different shapes to hide in and also use the shapes to make different things. We will ask the question, "How do the parts of a story work together?"

We will also read, *David's Drawings*, a realistic fiction text. On his way to school, David sees a tree that he wants to draw. David draws the tree at school, and all his friends add to his drawing. He likes the class drawing, but he really wants to make his own drawing of the tree. When he goes home, he is able to draw the tree by himself.

The word wall words **see, we, a, friend, up, at, they,** and **to** will be reviewed this week. The letters **Aa, Tt, Cc,** and **Pp** will also be reviewed. Using size and shape words as adjectives, such as: large, round, small, square, etc., is the grammar lesson of the week. We will also be writing descriptive sentences about one topic. We will talk about how to choose a good topic and how to write several sentences using adjectives to make the description more interesting to the reader. The children will first write several facts, then write a first draft, and finally, write a final copy about their idea throughout the week. The Decodable Readers are *Mmmm*, *Good* and *The Playground*.

The Chapter 2 test will be given on Wednesday. We will review all two and three-dimensional shapes, as well as AB, AAB, ABB, AABB, and ABC patterns. On Friday, we will begin a new chapter exploring the relationships of direction and position in space, focusing on the understanding of position words, such as left, right, between, before, after, behind, etc. This chapter will be a great deal of fun!

The religion lesson this week is *God Helps Us to Discover*. We will learn that God gave us our senses and we use our senses to discover God's world.

If you are ordering **Scholastic Books**, please place your order on or before Friday, December 8th. Thank you.

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!

Holiday Family Movie Night is on December 8th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Come enjoy a night featuring Classic Holiday Movies. Refreshments will be sold for a small price. The movie will start promptly at 6:00pm, with the Church Hall doors opening at 5:30pm. Bring a chair or blanket, come in your Christmas pajamas or favorite PJ's and enjoy a fun-filled night with family and friends.

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.

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 8th grade will be having bake sales after every First Friday Mass. The first bake sale will be this Friday, December 8th. This month, cookies will be for sale for \$.50 to \$1.50. If you would like children to participate, please send in their money in a plastic bag with their name on it. Thank you for supporting our 8th graders.

We will be attending **Mass** at 8:30am on Friday, December 8th to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. You are welcomed to join us.

Thank you,

Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira