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Dear Families,

Welcome to kindergarten! This is the first newsletter of the year. There are a few important things we would like to mention. **Please do not forget to sign up for an assessment time and check the class information list before you leave tonight.**

When you walk into the room, you will notice a snack crate by the door. Every morning, when your child comes to school, he/she will be placing their snack in the crate until snack time (during rotations). Please place your child's snack in a **plastic/paper bag** with your child's name on it, **separate** from their lunch box. We have found that the children become confused about what is intended for their morning snack or for their lunch. This will help snack time run smoothly.

The reading series we will be using this year is called *Journeys*, published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Every week, the reading lesson will be included in the newsletter and posted on the St. Cecilia School website, kindergarten page, throughout the school year.

We will be doing a "Star of the Week" profile, which highlights one student and their family per week. The children will be taking turns alphabetically by last names. We believe this will help students get to

know their classmates and encourage self-confidence when they present this information to the class. A form will be sent home the week before your child's turn. We are looking for pictures of your child and family, pets, interests, etc., so let's start digging out those old photos now!

You have received a supply list in this packet. Some of the items, such as tissue boxes and Clorox Wipes are bulky and difficult to store in our classroom. We would like you to bring in one-third of the noted items, as well as the other supplies, **during your assessment time.** Watch for a notice in the Kindergarten Times around December to send in the second group of the noted items. Around March, we will let you know if we are in need of any additional supplies of any specific items. Hopefully, this will make it easier for our limited closet space and will not be an inconvenience for you.

During the first week of school, we will be focusing on the classroom schedule, learning the routines, and just getting to know each other. We cannot wait to meet all of you. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

Thank you,
Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ventura