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Dear Families,

What a terrific week we had! The children looked wonderful on Wednesday for their school pictures. Their smiles were priceless. The photographer commented on their fantastic behavior. I am so proud of this class!

During the next few weeks in reading, we will be exploring the theme *Friendly Faces*. Real and fictional characters will take us on adventures in familiar places with families and friends.

The big book is *What Makes a Family?* This is an informational text and we'll read about different family activities, various ethnicities, and extended family members. The children will explore the question, "How can I find the most important ideas in a selection?"

The word wall words are **I** and **am**. A fun activity to help your child learn these words is: ask the question, "How are you feeling today?" or "What are you doing?" and he or she would answer, "I am ____." Help them write the complete sentence. We will be reviewing the letters **Kk, Ll, Mm, Nn, and Oo**. Rhyming words and nouns for people will also be reviewed.

We will begin using Decodable Readers every week as part of our reading program. This week, a copy of two books will be going home on Monday to be read each night for homework. The two books, *See What We Can Do* and *We Can Make It*, are picture stories. Encourage your child to speak in complete sentences as they tell you his or her own story about the pictures.

If you have seen, "please practice at home" or "please review" on any reading or math papers, your child may be having difficulty with the skills presented and could benefit from extra practice at home.

We will be focusing on handwriting skills throughout the next few weeks. A paper showing the proper way of writing each letter was sent home. If you could monitor your child as he or she forms letters, we would greatly appreciate it. Many children are still starting to write their letters from the bottom and

going to the top, instead of top to bottom. We are trying to remind them, but it is hard to break bad habits if the correct way isn't reinforced constantly. Thank you for your help!

We will continue to sort and resort objects by size, color, and shape in math. We definitely have fun with these activities.

This week's chapter in religion is, "God Gives Us Light." The lesson will focus on how God made the sun, moon, and stars to bring light to our day and night.

In science, we will be identifying parts of the human body: head, neck, torso, arm, leg, foot, hand, finger, toe, shoulder, elbow, wrist, knee, ankle, heel, and shin. We will be playing Simon Says to help us learn. What fun!

As part of our school mission, students are asked to answer the calling of the St. John Paul II Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is in need of personal hygiene items. **Between Monday, September 25th and Friday September 29th, kindergarten is asked to donate one or more spray/stick deodorants.** The class that has the best response will receive a special treat in October! **Go kindergarten!**

The 6th grade class is overseeing a fundraising activity to help to support the victims of the hurricanes in Texas and Florida and the Islands this September. They have invited the school community to participate in a **Dress Down Day on Thursday, September 28th. Please donate \$1.00** or more if you want your child to participate. The donations will be given to the Catholic Charities in the hurricane victim areas. See the policy guideline in the handbook for casual attire at St. Cecilia School.

Thank you to all who have purchased books from Scholastic Books! Book orders placed last week totaled **\$121!** The classroom received **several free books!** We will continue to send home Scholastic Book catalogs every month. You received another catalog containing many Halloween books last Wednesday. In order to receive these books for the

holiday, the next deadline for ordering is Wednesday, October 11th. Thank you for supporting this program!

Our field trip to **Confreda Greenhouses and Farms** in Cranston, RI is on Monday, October 23rd. Any parent is welcome to chaperone this field trip. We ask that you use your own vehicle and follow the bus so all those who wish will be able to go. Car-pooling has worked in the past, and hopefully this is an option for you. We will have directions available for your convenience. Also, please remember **all chaperones need to complete a background check and a safe environment form in order to volunteer**. If you need to complete a BCI and Safe Environment Check, please see Mrs. Zagorski as soon as possible. The processing of this information could take two or more weeks and the trip is not very far away. The fee for this trip is \$14.00 per student, which covers the cost of the bus and admission. Chaperones are free. We will leave at 9:15am and return at 1:15pm. **Please fill out the permission form and chaperone portion of the information sheet. Send these back to school, along with your check for \$14.00 made out to St. Cecilia School no later than Tuesday, October 3rd**. For planning purposes, this date is very important. Thank you for understanding.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Thank you,
Mrs. Lucier