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Dear Families,

We have made it through the first three days of individual assessments with great success. Mrs. Ventura and I were extremely happy and are looking forward to seeing the entire class together on Tuesday. All of you must be complimented for the wonderful children you have. They are very eager to begin the year, and we can see we will be having a great deal of fun.

This year we **have a nut-free classroom**. Foods containing **peanuts or tree nuts** are **not allowed**. No morning snacks or birthday treats can contain these products. Thank you for understanding.

We will be starting **rotations** this week. The children will learn to move from table to table in a quiet and orderly manner. Hopefully, within the week, this will become routine. Mrs. Ventura will begin the Writing Center on Tuesday, with the first assignment of writing their first and last name. This will be an on-going practice, concentrating on the use of proper upper and lower case letters. The children will be introduced to journal writing with their first assignment, "My First Week in Kindergarten," writing and drawing about a favorite activity.

The first reading unit will begin next week, after we have had a chance to become comfortable with the daily routine and get the first week jitters out of the way.

This week, we will be reading *The Night before Kindergarten* and *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten* during morning circle. We will concentrate on the letters of the alphabet, both **upper** and **lower** case. We will stress identifying these

letters and will concentrate on alphabetical order. "Name the letter that comes after ____" for example, is one activity we will be doing. If possible, we would appreciate you reinforcing these concepts at home. It is nice to see so many parents so attentive to their child's education, and it shows. Thank you for your help!

In math, we will be using the series, *Progress in Mathematics* published by Sadlier-Oxford. Math activities and vocabulary can be accessed at www.progressinmathematics.com for additional practice. This week, we will be learning several ways to sort and classify objects. The terms: alike, same, and different, will be explored.

In religion, we will be using the *We Believe* series published by Sadlier. For more information, you can visit the website, www.sadlierreligion.com for additional activities, games, and resources.

Our reading series is *Journeys* published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. We will begin this program next week. The website is <http://www-k6.thinkcentral.com>.

Our science program is called Nancy Larson Science. It is an engaging program with hands-on activities. There are additional activities online. The website is www.nancylarsonscience.com. Our username is: scsri and the student password is: magnet.

Afternoon centers will consist of Play-Doh, computers, and a worksheet called *Alphabet Train*. The children will be cutting, gluing, and coloring uppercase letters in ABC order.

Student of the Week will be starting next week. A form will be sent home a week in advance for you and your child to complete and return, along with your family pictures and favorite book. We are planning to do this alphabetically, so you can estimate the week your child will have his/her turn. It will be a fun activity to look forward to every week.

You have received the **Scholastic Book order forms. Our classroom code is H3CW8.** Many of you are very aware of Scholastic Books because you have older children who have attended or who are attending St. Cecilia School. If this is your first experience, we would like to encourage you to consider building your child's library. It is a fairly inexpensive way to purchase books and it also supports our classroom library. When you purchase books, we get "points," which enable us to receive books for the classroom. Ordering these books is easily done online. The easiest and best method of payment is credit or debit card right on the Scholastic Website. We will receive notification when you place an

order and will be watching for your books to arrive at school. If ordering, **please place your order on or before September 20th.** Thank you in advance for supporting this important part of our kindergarten year.

The **first gym class of the year is on Monday, September 11th.** Please have your child wear their gym uniform to school on Monday's beginning **next** week.

We have included a new class list attached to this newsletter with a few corrections.

We hope this newsletter is a good way of keeping you informed about your child's week in kindergarten. It will be posted on the classroom website as well. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. We are looking forward to our first week of school!

Thank you,
Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ventura

Our **special subject class** schedule is:

Gym	Monday 8:35am – 9:05am
Art	Tuesday 12:45pm – 1:20pm
Computer	Wednesday 12:40pm – 1:10pm
Library	Thursday 12:00pm – 12:30pm
Spanish	Thursday 12:45pm – 1:20pm
Music	Friday 12:00pm – 12:30pm