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Dear Families,

It's hard to believe January is coming to an end! We keep saying time flies when you are having fun. It is so true with this class. The next few weeks are very busy with the Hundredth Day of School Celebration, Catholic Schools Week, and even Valentine's Day! Keep an eye open for information regarding these fun events in your child's folder.

This week in reading, the big book, *What is Science?* is an informational text. The children will talk about different kinds of science and will read about a range of science topics. We will discuss and ask the question, "Why are details helpful?"

We will also read *Dear Mr. Blueberry*. This book, a fantasy story, tells about a little girl named Emily. She discovers a whale in her backyard pond and writes to her teacher, Mr. Blueberry, to find out more about whales. He tells her it can't be a whale because they live in salt water. After learning that whales migrate, Emily's whale leaves the pond to go back to the ocean. Will Emily ever see her friend again?

The word wall words are **is** and **how**. **The spelling test is on Wednesday**. The class did a nice job on the spelling test last week! Mrs. Ferreira and I will continue to send home a sight word practice assignment the night before the weekly spelling test to help the children review the words. If this week's tests are as impressive, we would like to present them at the **open house** on Sunday, January 28th for other prospective families to see. These tests will be returned to you on Monday, January 29th in your child's folder. Keep up the super work! Again, it is amazing to see how well the class is doing! Thank you!

The letter of the week is **short i**. We will be focusing on the sound short i makes and reviewing the rime families, **_it**, **_in**, **_ip**, and **_ig**. The grammar lesson for this week is proper nouns. The children will learn that sometimes a noun tells exactly whom you are talking about. These are the names of people or pets and they are always capitalized. We will also learn about and write a very short letter called a message. A message is written to tell someone a little bit of information. They include the name of the person you are writing to, a short message, and your name under the message. This should be a fun activity. We believe you will be receiving many messages from your child after this week's lesson is complete! The

Decodable Readers are *What Is It?* and *It Is My Cab*. Again, continue to point to each word as it is read.

Fewer, fewest, and most will be the focus this week in math. The children will compare and draw groups with fewer or more objects than other groups.

On Monday afternoon, the RI DEM Division of Fish and Wildlife will give a presentation on **Habitat Management for Wildlife** in our classroom. Definitely something to look forward to!

There is a **Sports Dress Down Day on Tuesday, January 23rd**, so please send in the coupon if your child is dressing down.

The kindergarten class will be going to the **St. Cecilia Eighth Grade Science Fair** in the Church Hall on Tuesday afternoon. The 8th graders have worked very hard and we can't wait to see their projects!

If you are planning to order **Scholastic Books**, please place your order online before Wednesday, January 24th so we can submit your orders.

Catholic Schools Week is scheduled from January 28th– February 2nd. Please help us start celebrating this week by joining us at the 10:00am Mass on January 28th in St. Cecilia Church. We are asking that all students wear their school uniform as an identifying sign of our presence in the Parish of Blessed Pope John Paul II. Following Mass we will hold an Open House for prospective students and their families.

On **Sunday, January 28th**, St. Cecilia School is having an **Open House** from 11:30am-1:30pm. Please tell all your friends to come and see what St. Cecilia School has to offer. We are all very proud of our school community, and wish to share it with as many as we can.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira