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Dear Families,

**Catholic Schools Week**, January 28<sup>th</sup> – February 2<sup>nd</sup>, is here! Many activities are planned throughout the week. Groundhog's Day is on Friday. This should be a fun and exciting week of school!

**Monday is Disney Day.** Wear as much Disney as possible! The students will be making cards, thanking their families for sending them to St. Cecilia School. We will also make cards for Father Sisco, thanking him for all the support he gives to St. Cecilia School!

**Tuesday is "Keep the Heat On!"** Wear hats and scarfs with your uniform! Please contribute a donation for Bishop Tobin's "Keep the Heat On Campaign." A suggested donation is \$2.00 (or 2 canned goods) in the hopes of raising money for our school contribution. Supporting Bishop Tobin's "Keep the Heat on Program" is our mission as a Catholic Christian community.

**Wednesday is Pajama and Crazy Hair Day.** The students should wear appropriate pajamas, pajama bottoms with a sweatshirt and sneakers, or sweat clothes to school. Our Church Buddies will be joining us for a special Bingo Game after lunch in the cafeteria.

**Thursday is Dress Down Sports Day.** Wear your favorite sports team jersey. Teachers will flip classes in the morning. **No homework tonight!** This is a special treat for our wonderful students!

**Friday is School Spirit Day and Vocations Day.** Wear as much blue and gold (our school colors) as possible. At 1:15, Eucharistic Adoration and Praying the Rosary will be devoted to vocation at St. Cecilia Church.

It is also Groundhog Day! Will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow? Who knows what the next six weeks will bring!

If you have any questions about these events, please see the notice that went home last week, or ask Mrs. Ferreira or me.

**Assessments** have begun last week for the upcoming report card. Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Ferreira and I are very proud of this class. They are working very hard!

This week in reading, the big book, *I Love Bugs!* is a

realistic fiction text. The children will talk about where to find different bugs, what some bugs do, and how some bugs move around. We will discuss and ask the question, "What clues help me figure out things the author does not tell me?"

We will also read *It Is the Wind*. This book, also a realistic fiction, tells about a little boy listening to all the sounds outside his window as he tries to sleep. He hears so many sounds. Finally, he hears the wind sighing, "good night, sleep tight," and he falls asleep.

The word wall words are **find** and **this**. **The spelling test is on Wednesday morning.** 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. Again, it is amazing to see how well the class is doing! Thank you!

The letter of the week is **Gg**. We will identify words that begin with and end with the letter g sound. The grammar lesson for this week is proper nouns for places. The children will learn that names for places, such as St. Cecilia School, are always capitalized. We will continue to write a very short letter called a message. We will review that 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. The Decodable Readers are *Can You Find It?* and *Gig Pig*.

The children are doing a fantastic job with the new daily sentence writing homework. As we continue this assignment, we will be encouraging the children to expand their writing ability. We will talk about using adjectives and creating "million dollar" sentences by enhancing simple sentences. An example of this is: I like my dog. Encourage your child to describe the dog, talk about what he or she likes about the dog, and see if he or she can add to this sentence to make it more interesting, such as: I like to play fetch with my little dog.

In math, we will begin to count on and count back on a number line. During the next few weeks we will talk about what comes before and after each number. One activity you may wish to do at home is "What number is missing?" Use flash cards or write a number line omitting several numbers and see if your child can tell you which numbers are missing. 0, 1, 2,

\_, 4, 5, \_, 7, 8, \_, 10. We will also be reviewing ordinal numbers; first, second, third, etc. through tenth. The children will be practicing simple addition sentences using red and yellow counters.

At this time, the children should be able to count to 100 and identify numerals 1-100. During the remainder of the year, we will practice writing the numbers 1-100. Please practice counting by ten's, five's, and two's at home with your child. We count by two's daily during morning circle; however, the more practice, the better.

The religion lessons this week are "Jesus Teaches and Helps Us." We will discuss that Jesus went everywhere teaching and helping people. Jesus was kind and good.

As of today, hoping no snow cancellations change our plans, **Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> will be the hundredth day of school.** We can only hope a snow day will not change our schedule! It is so hard to believe it is here already. The day's activities will be geared for a big celebration and we're sure you are hearing all about it.

On Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, a notice will be sent home regarding **a 100<sup>th</sup> day project** we will be doing. Basically, your child will be creating "something" out of 100 objects (pennies, popsicle sticks, craft items, etc.) and bringing it in on the hundredth day to present to the class. Look for the notice in your child's folder.

Last Monday afternoon, the RI DEM Division of Fish and Wildlife gave a wonderful presentation on **Wildlife Habitat** in our classroom. The children were able to see and touch many samples of wildlife objects, such as turkey feather, deer antlers, and even a bobcat fur! It was a terrific afternoon. See our webpage for pictures of this presentation.

Just a reminder: You have received a **registration packet** for the upcoming school year in your child's folder. If your child is returning to St. Cecilia School next year, please return the completed forms, along with your registration fee in your child's folder or bring it directly to the school office. Thank you.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira