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Dear Families,

On Tuesday, November 13th, you will be receiving a written **Conference Report** containing areas of achievement and areas for improvement, as well as the results of the Early Literacy Renaissance Star Testing in your child's folder. Please note kindergarten does not follow the Grade 1- 8 Report Card schedule.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the **Parent/Teacher Conferences** on Wednesday, November 14th, from 2:30pm to 7:00pm. You received a notice with your scheduled time for the conference in your child's folder last Wednesday. Please remember each conference is 15 minutes long. I will be trying very hard to stay on schedule. If you feel you need more time, you can schedule another conference to speak to me before or after school.

The Saint Cecilia School Food Drive officially began on Wednesday, November 7th and will conclude on Tuesday, November 20th. Each class will be keeping track of how many non-perishable food items they collect. **The class with the most items will receive a special ice cream sundae treat and two dress-down days from Mrs. Tetzner. Go Kindergarten!!** Please be as generous as you can. So many people need our help at this time of year.

Keep an eye out for **Mr. Turkey**. He will be hiding in your child's folder today! Please enjoy this fun activity with your child. **It is not a coloring page.** You can use any crafty materials or artistic flairs to decorate the picture to disguise the turkey so no one can tell who he is. The children get so excited to display their own turkey in the classroom and to see what other children create!! Return this project on Monday, November 19th, so the children can present them to the class. **Please do not send it in earlier** so we can view each other's at the same time.

Thank you for supporting our **Eighth Grade Dress-Down Fundraiser. Our first dress-down day is this Tuesday, November 13th.** Take off the correct dated coupon for the fundraiser and send it into school in your child's folder. Please remember, in order to dress down, you must purchase the coupons and bring your coupon to school on the designated day. If you do not want to purchase all the tickets at one time, your child can bring in \$3.00 per designated dress-down day and dress-down. When dressing down, please refer to the Parent and Student Handbook (non-uniform days) to assure appropriate

dress-down clothing. The children (and teachers too!) enjoy wearing "regular clothes" to school occasionally, and the donations go to a very important program in our school!

This Friday afternoon, November 16th, we are planning to go to the Christmas Bazaar in the Church Hall. Your child will be able to browse or purchase items at this time. Our Church Buddies will accompany the children to help them shop. Please send money in an envelope or a plastic Zip-loc bag with your child's name on it so their Buddies can easily keep track of your child's purchases. The children really enjoy this festive occasion and it's a great deal of fun.

This week in reading, the big book, *Move*, is an informational text. We'll read about how different animals get from place to place in their environment. We will ask the question, "How can details help me understand a selection?"

We will also read, *Jonathan and His Mommy*, a realistic fiction text. Jonathan and his mother like to go out walking and talking. On this day, they walk in many different kinds of ways as they go from place to place through the city. Finally, they get tired and retrace their steps back home.

The word wall words are **a** and **up**. The letter of the week is **Cc**. We will be focusing on the sound Cc makes, naming, writing, and drawing pictures of words that begin with that sound. Adjectives for colors will be reviewed. We will also be writing captions, a special kind of sentence that tells about a picture or photo, when drawing pictures about the stories of the week.

The Decodable Readers are *Cc*, a picture story, and *I Can See*. Again, as your child reads this book to you, have him or her point to each word as it is read.

In math, we will combine and separate two-dimensional figures. One question we will be answering is, "How many triangles can we combine to make a hexagon?" The children will use felt shapes to help them answer this question. Another fun activity they always enjoy!

This week's chapter in religion is "God Made All People."
God loves all people. God made all people good and gave people many gifts.

You received a form for placing an advertisement on our new official **Student Daily Planner**. These high quality coated daily planners will be used as a teaching tool in Grades 3 – 8. Your help is needed in sponsoring these books with an advertisement so that they may be offered at no cost to our student. This is an outstanding way for both students and parents to see your message on a daily basis. Please fill out the form and return it to the school office by November 16th. Thank you in advance for your help.

Grandparents' Day is on Tuesday, November 20st, from 8:45am to 11:00am. Grandparents will be directed to the classroom upon arrival so they may then walk together with the students to the church for Mass beginning at 9:00am. Coffee and pastries will be served at the school afterwards followed by time in the classroom to enjoy with the students. Take home a keepsake for a nominal cost of \$5.00 for a 5X7 photo. We can't wait!

Have a great weekend!

Thank you,
Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira