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Dear Families,

It is so hard to believe the Christmas Holiday will soon be here! We are beginning the final week of school before Christmas vacation and many fun activities are being planned. It's a joy seeing the excitement in the children's faces waiting for that special day to come.

Thank you so much for bringing in **mittens, hats, and socks to give to St. Vincent DePaul**. We collected 148 hats, mittens, and socks for families in need. The children were very happy to count and take a photo for the newsletter with the huge pile of winter items in front of them. Mrs. Ferreira and I are so proud of everyone!. We are going to have an ice cream party when we come back from Christmas vacation!

This week in reading, the big book, *Snow*, is a fantasy book. This book is about how animals cope with winter weather. We will ask the question, "What clues help me figure out things the author does not tell me?"

We will also read, *Storm is Coming*, a fantasy book. The farmer tells Dog to get all the animals into the barn because a storm is coming. The animals wonder who Storm is and become fearful of him as the wind, rain, lightning, and thunder arrives. Finally, it grows still outside and the animals are relieved that Storm did not come after all.

The word wall words are **my** and **with**. The letter of the week is **Nn**. We will identify words that **begin with** and words that **end with** the letter n sound. The grammar lesson for this week is sentence parts, focusing on the verb in a sentence. The children will review that a sentence is a group of words that tells a complete thought. The verb tells what a person, animal, or thing is doing. We will also be writing story sentences, emphasizing the importance of adding details to our writing. The Decodable Readers are *I Can Nap* and *Tap with Me*. Again, continue to point to each word as it is read.

In math, we began a new chapter last week exploring the relationships of direction and position in space, focusing on the understanding of position words. This week we will reinforce the concepts of left, right, and between. We will be playing Simon Says and dancing the Hokey Pokey using left and right directions. It is an exciting, motivating lesson!

The religion lesson this week is *Christmas*. Each Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus. We will discuss some of the ways we celebrate Christmas and ways we welcome Jesus.

On Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, the Student Council Christmas Helpers will pass out **free cookies and hot chocolate** to all of the students and the teachers between 9am and 10am. This will be a delicious, holiday treat! Thank you to the Student Council!

On Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, we have an **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dress Down Day**. Please send the coupon or \$3.00 in your child's folder if your child is participating in this fundraiser.

The **Saint Cecilia School Christmas Hot Lunch** is on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am in the Church Hall. The price is \$5.00 per student, which includes 1 slice of Papa Gino's pizza, a juice box, dessert, and a Mad Science Presentation. An extra slice of pizza is \$1.00. If you choose not to get a hot lunch, the price for the presentation is \$2.00. **If you have not sent in the form and money, please do so immediately.** Thank you.

Mrs. Ferreira and I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Have a wonderful vacation!

Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira