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Dear Families,

The **Hundredth Day of School** was so much fun and it sure was busy. After weeks of anticipation, putting ten bundles of ten straws together was so exciting! During morning circle, each child presented his or her one hundred-piece project. Everyone did a fantastic job! Mrs. Tetzner came into our room for a visit and was very impressed with everyone's project and their enthusiasm for learning. See our classroom website for pictures. We wore hundredth day crowns and colored our hidden number picture. The Count to 100 Fish Bowl Sticker Scene was a hit! Wow, what an incredible day!

This week in reading, the big book, *Sheep Take a Hike*, is a fantasy text. The children will read about all the mishaps some sheep encounter on their hike, how they get lost, and how they find their way home. The children will discuss and answer the question, "What causes events in a story to happen?"

We will also read *Nicky and the Rainy Day*. This book, also a fantasy, tells about a rainy day that keeps Nicky and his siblings from going out to play. Nicky is bored and asks his mother if they can go to several impossible places. She does suggest going out on a walk after the rain stops. On their walk, they see a big rainbow. Nicky wants to go to the rainbow. His mother tells him that is impossible, but they try anyway!

The word wall words are **go** and **for**. The letter of the week is **Dd**. We will identify words that begin with the letter d sound. The grammar lesson for this week is using verbs in the past tense. We will review that verbs tell what people, animals, and things do. Sometimes we want to tell about something that has already happened and to do this, we change the verb. Today, the sheep hike in the country. Yesterday, the sheep hiked in the country. The children will also be writing stories. They will learn that sometimes people write stories that are true. They write about things that really have happened to them. When writing these stories, authors use the word, "I."

There will be a spelling test on Thursday because we are attending Mass on Wednesday morning. Last week's test results were awesome! Keep up the good work!

On Wednesday, we will learn to use a map to solve problems in math. Children count to find the distances between different points on the map, which are represented by letters A through G. The Chapter 4 math test will be given on Friday. Chapter 5 will begin the week when we return from vacation! This chapter focuses on the higher numbers, which should be very familiar to the class because we count straws to reinforce place value on a daily basis.

Valentine's Day is here! We will complete making our cute bags to hold the goodies this week during afternoon centers. A **Valentine Card Exchange** will be taking place on Tuesday, February 13th. A new class list will be included with this newsletter. What an exciting time it will be!

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14th. We will be attending **Mass at 8:30am** to celebrate Ash Wednesday. You are all welcome to attend.

During Lent, we will be concentrating on doing good deeds to be more like Jesus. Sharing, caring, and helping will be our theme. The children will be collecting beads to place on their "**good deed necklaces**" for every good deed they do. These good deeds can take place in school or at home. If your child does a good deed at home, please fill out the "good deed" coupon (there is one on each side) and return it to school after two deeds are completed. We are trying to save paper. We hope that each child will have a long beaded necklace at the end of this season. This is a tradition kindergarten has been doing during Lent. We really enjoy making and wearing our "**good deed necklaces**" on Holy Thursday.

Operation Rice Bowl is underway! During the season of Lent, please donate your loose change to those in need. Place the change in the Rice Bowls you received and return it to school on Holy Thursday. Thank you so much for helping!

There is a **Sports Dress Down Day on Tuesday, February 13th**, so please send in the coupon if your child is dressing down.

If you are interested in purchasing **hot lunch for March**, please return the order form and payment no later than February 16th. Thank you.

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.

Please save the date for our largest fundraiser of the year, **Taste of the Town**. This event is on March 19, 2018 at the Portuguese Social Club on 131 School Street, Pawtucket, RI.

Have a great week and a wonderful **Winter Vacation!**

Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira