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Dear Families,

What a terrific time we had during **Catholic Schools Week**! Every day was so much fun! Everyone enjoyed wearing their pajamas to school. Mrs. Ferreira and I enjoyed seeing everyone in Disney attire. We would like to thank you for all the extras you do. A special thank you to the PTO for the luncheon on Tuesday. The food was delicious!

Celebration! As of today, Wednesday, February 7th, is the **hundredth day of school**. Ten bundles of ten will be the straw count for the day! Everyone has been anticipating this event for weeks, and finally it is almost here! Please refer to the separate note that was sent home last week. During morning circle, each child will be able to present his or her **one hundred-piece project**. It is an exciting activity and the children enjoy showing the class their work. All morning activities will be geared to the 100th day celebration, with one being the creation of a number puzzle that will reveal a big surprise. A **Fish Tank 100** activity is also planned for the day!

This week in reading, the big book, *In the Big Blue Sea*, is an informational text. The children will talk about different fish that live and swim in the ocean. They will read about and see many different fish and decide which color fish they'd like to be! They will discuss and answer the question, "How does knowing why the author wrote a selection help me?"

We will also read *One-Dog Canoe*. This book, a fiction, tells about a girl and her dog going on a trip in her canoe. They meet many animals, which ask if they can come along and then jump in the canoe. The canoe goes lower and lower, until it sinks and plops everyone in the water. After they take a swim, the girl and her dog set off alone at last in their canoe!

The word wall words are **be** and **will**. The letter of the week is **Rr**. We will identify words that begin with the letter r sound. The grammar lesson for this week is using verbs in the future tense. We will review that verbs tell what people, animals, and things do. Sometimes we want to tell about something that will happen in the future and to do this, we change the verb. In the past, the dog wagged its tail. In the future, the dog will wag its tail. The children will also be writing letters. They will learn that a letter is a type

of a long message and has three parts, a greeting, middle, and a closing.

Mrs. Ferreira and I were happy with the spelling test last week. Many students did an outstanding job and were so happy and proud of their work! If your child is having a difficult time remembering the sight words, practice mastering these words several different ways. Ask your child to identify them using the index cards, dictate the words and have your child write them down on paper, and make sure they are reading these words in the books as they read every night for homework. If they are still having a problem, please make an appointment and we can work together to help them succeed. **The spelling test is moved to Thursday because of the 100th Day Celebration on Wednesday.**

In math, we will be reviewing ordinal numbers; first, second, third, etc. through tenth. The children will be practicing simple addition sentences using red and yellow counters.

The religion lesson this week is "Jesus Wants Us to Love." We will discuss that Jesus wants us to be kind to others, to be helpful, and to share.

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.

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

Have a great week!

Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira