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Dear Families,

On **Thursday, March 15th**, St. Cecilia School is having an **Open House** from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Please tell all your friends to come and see what St. Cecilia School has to offer. We are all very proud of our school community, and wish to share it with as many as we can.

This week in reading, the big book, *Leo the Late Bloomer*, is a fantasy story. The children will read how Leo develops at his own rate and does things when he is ready. We will discuss and ask the question, "How do the parts of a story work together?"

We will also read *A Tiger Grows Up*. This book, an informational text, tells about a baby tiger that is born in the forest. She depends on her mother for food and protection. After six months, the cub learns to hunt with her mother. Two years later, the tiger goes off on her own to begin her own family. We will discuss the kinds of things the baby tiger will do as she grows up.

The word wall words are **said** and **good**. There will be a **spelling test** on Wednesday. The letters of the week are **Xx** and **Jj**. We will be focusing on the sounds Xx and Jj make, as well as words that end with x and words that begin with Jj. The grammar lesson for this week is pronouns – they, it, I. The children will learn that they can use pronouns in place of the proper names of people. They replaces two or more people; It replaces an animal or thing; and I replaces myself. We will also review and write more lists. Lists are one way to remember good ideas. We will talk about writing items on separate lines and using numbers to make the list easier to read and remember. The Decodable Readers are *A Good Job* and *Fix It*. Again, the children have been reading both stories to their classmates during rotations for extra practice.

In math, we will be reinforcing place value with the numbers 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20. Examples of this are: 17 is 1 bundle of ten and 7 ones and 20 is 2 bundles of ten.

Math Week is here! Due to the snow day last Thursday, the performance by Dennis Regling called "The Amazing Mysteries of Mathematics" will be rescheduled if possible. Throughout this week, each student will be creating a "Figure Me Out" poster using math facts for clues. The class will be doing a STEM activity, going on a Shapes Scavenger

Hunt, and celebrating Pi Day. It is going to be a fun week for everyone!

We will be attending the **Stations of the Cross** on Friday afternoon. For many children, this Lenten Season is the first time they have experienced the Stations of the Cross. They will be paired up with their 8th Grade Church Buddies.

The MDA Hop-a-thon (Muscular Dystrophy Association) will take place next Wednesday morning, March 21st. Pre-K, kindergarten, first grade, second grade, and third grade will be hopping to raise money for this worthwhile cause. Two hundred hops is the goal! Please have **checks made out to MDA**, not to St. Cecilia School. No Cash is accepted. Please send in your pledge forms and checks by March 21st. Thank you.

Lifetouch pictures will be at school on Monday morning, March 12th. The children **do not** wear their uniforms for these spring pictures. If you would prefer your child to be photographed without a chalkboard name, remember to check the box on the form. Please send in your completed order form on picture day if you wish to choose your background.

We Help Our Community, as part of our Lenten observance, begins on Monday, March 12th and concludes on Friday, March 16th. Kindergarten is asked to donate toothpaste for our St. John Paul II Food Pantry. In these hard times people can use a little extra help and toothpaste is not covered under regular programs. Thank you for your great support in caring for others!

Mrs. Ferreira sent home the **Scholastic Book Flyers** last week. If you are planning to order books, please place your order on or before March 19th. Thank you.

If you are planning to order **hot lunch for April**, please return the form and payment by March 16th.

We will be completing our **Easter bags** this week. We are asking for donations to fill these bags. If everyone would bring in a bag of **Easter Candy or a little Easter treat** such as a pencil, eraser, etc., it would be greatly appreciated. Please provide 16 of each item so every bag will have the same amount of goodies. Thank you for your help in advance!

Just a reminder: there are three weeks left until Easter. We will be collecting **Good Deed Coupons** until Wednesday, March 28th, the day before Holy Thursday. Each coupon is worth a bead for their "good deed necklace."

There is an **Eighth Grade Dress Down Day on Tuesday, March 13th**, so please send in the coupon if your child is dressing down. If you did not purchase the coupon pack, you can send in \$2.00 if you would like your child to participate.

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 join the PTO of **Saint Cecilia's School at our 4th annual "Taste of the Town"** on Monday, March 19th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Guests will enjoy an array of delicious food and drink options provided by local restaurants and caterers. This event is our biggest fundraiser, and your support is greatly appreciated. With the money raised, we hope to expand our S.T.E.M. programs (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and make much needed physical improvements to the school. Take a chance at winning one of the amazing baskets made with generous donations from our school families. Classroom basket descriptions and the entry form will soon be posted on-line at <http://scsri.org/parents-page>. Raffle winners will be drawn the night of the event although attendance is not required to win. **Tickets were sent home and we are asking each family to purchase two tickets to support our biggest fundraiser of the year. Thank you for your continued support of our school!**

The Drama Club will be performing the musical Annie and will host a fundraiser on Monday, March 26th, at Uncle Tony's Restaurant, 260 Newport Avenue, East Providence. Please save the date and help the Center Stage Cougars raise funds to help purchase props, costumes, supplies, etc. for their production. More information will follow. Thank you so much for your support!

Have a great week!

Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira