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Dear Families,

The weather was definitely not cooperating with our plans last week. Last week's reading lesson will be continued throughout this week. Hopefully, that will be the last time we see a school cancelation this year!

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 Thursday** this week because of the Hop-a-thon scheduled on Wednesday morning. 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 19 through 25. Examples of this are: 19 is 1 bundle of ten and 9 ones and 25 is 2 bundles of ten and five ones.

The religion lesson this week is "We Celebrate Jesus' Gift of Himself." We will present the Last Supper as a

special meal Jesus shared with his friends. The bread and wine became the Body and Blood of Jesus.

We will be attending the **Stations of the Cross** on Friday afternoon at 1:15pm. They will be paired up with their 8th Grade Church Buddies.

The MDA Hop-a-thon (Muscular Dystrophy Association) will take place 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 and return forms and donations on the day of the Hop-a-thon. No Cash is accepted. Thank you.

We Help Our Community, as part of our Lenten observance, will be extended another week because of the snow days. 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!

If you are planning to order **Scholastic Books**, please place your order by today, March 19th. Thank you.

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 two 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 20th**, 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.

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!

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