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Dear Families,

It is so nice to have warmer weather on the way. Hopefully, all the snow will melt and the sights of spring will come alive!

Thank you for your donations for the St. John Paul II Food Pantry. Kindergarten collected 54 tubes of toothpaste! Great job!

This week in reading, the big book, *Zinnia's Flower Garden*, is an informational text. The children will learn how Zinnia plants, takes care of, and watches her flower garden grow. We will discuss and ask the question, "Why is the order of events in a selection important?"

We will also read *Oscar and the Frog*. This book, an informational text, tells about a kitten named Oscar. Oscar goes to the pond and sees some strange-looking animals he has never seen before. Frog tells Oscar that the animals of baby frogs are called tadpoles, and then Frog teaches him about how other animals grow, too!

The word wall words are **she** and **all**. **There will be a spelling test this week on Wednesday.** The letter of the week is **short e**. We will be focusing on the sound short Ee makes and reviewing the rime families, **_et**, **_ed**, **_ed**, and **_eg**. The grammar lesson for this week is proper nouns for the days and months. The children will learn the days and months always begin with a capital letter. We will also learn how to write an invitation. An invitation is a special kind of letter that you send to people to ask them to come to a party or other event. It tells what the party is for, where the party is, and when the party takes place. The Decodable Readers are *My Pet Dog* and *Ben and Jen*. The children have been reading both stories to their classmates during rotations for extra practice.

In math, we will continue to compare numbers up to 31, focusing on less than, greater than, and equal to. We will also be ordering numbers 21-31, answering the question: What comes before, after, and between each number?

Our religion lesson this week is "The Three Days." The children will learn why these three days are very special. We will also learn about "Easter."

The MDA Hop-a-thon (Muscular Dystrophy Association) has been postponed to Tuesday morning, April 10th, because of the wintery weather. 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! If you have not sent in your donation, please **do so as soon as possible**. Make **checks 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.

Our **Easter bags** will be finished today. We are asking for donations to fill these bags. If you have not sent 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!

With only one week left before Easter, the excitement is building. There are three days left to bring in your Good Deed Coupons. We will be making our **Good Deed Necklaces** on Wednesday afternoon, and keeping them in school, so the children can wear their necklaces on Thursday. We do not want anyone to forget to bring them back to school. The children will be very proud to display their good deeds on Holy Thursday!

There is a **Sports Dress Down Day on Tuesday, March 27th**, 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.

On Wednesday, May 9th, your children will be hosting a **Mother's Day Tea** from 9:00am to 10:00am. You will be receiving an invitation and response card next month providing you with more details. Please mark your calendar because we are hoping every child will have a mother, a grandmother, or someone very special to him or her able to attend. It is a very special time for the children, and we want to give you as much notice as possible so you can clear your schedules.

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. Uncle Tony's will donate 20% of your order to our drama program. Thank you so much for your support!

Have a wonderful Easter!

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