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Dear Families,

We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter! We are looking forward to an exciting week! On Friday afternoon, the Drama Club will perform the musical, *Annie*, for the students in our school. The anticipation is growing!

The children are so excited to read in the classroom. It's amazing to see how well they are doing. We are so proud of them. So many students have been reading at home, and the **Reading Log Calendar** is a great way to keep track of what and how long they are reading. Please keep it in the return to school side of the folder throughout the month so we can monitor it daily.

This week in reading, the big book, *Chameleon*, *Chameleon*, is an informational text. The children will read about a chameleon that needs to find a new home because it can't find anything to eat. We will discuss and answer the question, "What clues help me figure out things the author does not tell me?"

We will also read *Red Eyes or Blue Feathers*. This book, an informational text, teaches us about the many ways animals use color to survive in the wild. We find out how animals use color to hide from enemies, keep from being seen when they hunt, and communicate with each other.

The word wall words are **he** and **no**. The letters of the week are **Hh** and **Kk**. We will be focusing on the sounds Hh and Kk make, as well as words that begin with Hh and Kk. The children will review telling and asking sentences. They will be writing question sentences, then answering their question sentences with a statement. We will also learn how to write a report. A report gives true information or facts about something. When writing a report, we include a title and facts about the title written in complete sentences. The Decodable Readers are *Hog in a Hat* and *Kid Hid*.

The weekly **spelling test will be given on Wednesday**. Some of the children have forgotten how to spell some words because they have not been reviewing them weekly. At this age, repetition is extremely important and continual practice is the way most children learn. Please do not assume that because they knew the words one week, they will remember

them the next. Reviewing these words weekly is so important for every child.

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?

The religion lesson this week is "We Care About Others As Jesus Did." Jesus is someone who worries about everyone. We will talk about the ways that Jesus wants us to care about others.

We will be attending **First Friday Mass** on Friday, April 6th. You are all welcome to join us at Mass.

There is a **Drama Dress Down Day on Monday, April 2nd**. Please send in \$2.00 and dress down to help support the drama program. Thank you for your donation.

On Saturday evening, April 7th, at 7:00pm and Sunday afternoon, April 8th, at 2:30pm, the **Center Stage Cougars** will present *Annie Jr.* in the Church Hall. The doors will open one hour before each performance. This production is a wonderful musical featuring the well-known characters: Annie, Mr. Warbucks, Miss Hannigan, Grace, Rooster, Lily, and the orphans. Please join us for an evening of fun and help support the Center Stage Cougars. The students, Mrs. Ventura, and I have been working extremely hard and would be so happy to see all of you at the performance! Tickets will be sold at the door. Seating is first come, first served. Tickets will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for children with a \$25 maximum family rate.

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.

Lunch forms for May were sent home last week. If you are planning to order hot lunch, please send in your payment and form by April 16th. Thank you.

Please don't forget to mark your calendar. 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. 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.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira