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Dear Families,

Reading Week is here! The theme is **Reading takes you places!** Each day, a new destination will be visited.

On **Monday**, we will become a **Tacky Tourist on a Trip Around the World**. Put on your best tourist gear to reveal your vacation destination. Rhode Island Resource and Recovery will be giving a presentation about recycling and working to save our planet.

On **Tuesday**, the destination is in the **classroom**. **Each student will walk in a teacher or faculty member's shoes**. Your child can dress up as a faculty member of St. Cecilia's School. When they come to school, they will receive a name badge so people will know whom they are dressed up as. Prizes will be awarded for the best impersonation.

On **Wednesday**, we will go **Out of this World and pretend to be astronauts** like Auggie does in *Wonder*. **Students wear their uniforms today**. Each student will create an astronaut helmet, post it in our classroom, and discuss motivational precepts from *Wonder* by RJ Palacio.

On **Thursday**, kindergarten will go **camping**. The class will dress in comfy clothes and bring a small blanket to sit on for Drop Everything And Read – DEAR.

On **Friday**, we will dress like **our favorite character in our favorite book**. Also, Mark Binder will be visiting St. Cecilia School today for our Reading Week presentation.

This week in reading, the big book, *Pie in the Sky*, is a realistic fiction. The children will read about how a cherry tree changes as it grows, until the cherries are ready to pick. We will explore the question, "How do words and pictures help tell a story?"

We will also read *Bread Comes to Life*. This book, an informational text, teaches us how a baker grows and cuts the wheat, grinds the flour, mixes, and kneads the dough. Finally, he puts the bread into the oven, takes it out, and slices a piece to eat!

The word wall words **make, play, said, good, she, all, he** and **no** will be reviewed this week. The letters **Oo, Xx, Jj, Ee, Hh**, and **Kk** will also be reviewed. We will

learn about reading and writing exclamation sentences. When they see an exclamation point at the end of a sentence, they should read the sentence with lots of excitement and feeling. We will review how to write a report. The children will chose a topic they find interesting using the informational texts we have in our classroom library. They will note several facts of interest in the book, write a first draft, and finally, write a final copy of the report throughout the week. The Decodable Readers are *Six Pigs Hop* and *Play Kid Play*.

The weekly **spelling test will be given on Wednesday**. The children did a terrific job on the last spelling test. It was great to see so many perfect scores!

The math lesson for this week, Guess and Test, will focus on estimating groups of 10, 20, or 30. We will be guessing the number of counters in a bowl, then testing our guess by counting them.

The religion lesson this week is "We Celebrate that Jesus is Our Friend." Jesus is our good friend and is always with us.

The MDA Hop-a-thon (Muscular Dystrophy Association) is on Tuesday morning, April 10th. 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. If you are planning to order hot lunch, please send in your payment and form by April 16th. Thank you.

Mrs. Ferreira is sending the **Scholastic Book Flyers** home this week. This is the final order form you will receive. If you are planning to order books, please place your order on or before April 30th. 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 this

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