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Dear Families,

Mrs. Ferreira and I would like to thank our wonderful families in kindergarten for their thoughtful gifts. You made National Teacher Appreciation Week so special for us. A shopping trip to Target and Michael's and an iced coffee from Dunkin Donuts is now in the future. Yeah! The notes from each child on the photo tree are so special and brought tears to our eyes! You are all so kind. It's no wonder why the children in our class are so nice!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day! Mrs. Ferreira and I would like to thank you for making **Mother's Day Tea** so much fun. The children worked very hard on their projects and were very excited you were able to join them. This is definitely one of our favorite events of the year.

The Scholastic Book Fair starts today and will continue until Thursday, May 17th. The Book Fair is located in the St. Cecilia Church Hall. Our class will be visiting the book fair several times during school throughout this week so the children can browse or purchase books. Plans are to go on Monday afternoon just to browse, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon to purchases. If you wish to send money, please put it in an envelope with your child's name and amount on the front. If you want to be present when your child is purchasing books, the best time would be after school. The Book Fair will be opened until 3:00pm. We always enjoy the book fair, and we are sure the children will be very excited about it all week.

This week in reading, the big book is *Look at Us*. In this informational text we will read about different things that a kindergarten class did during the school year. The children will explore the question, "What is this selection mostly about and what details will tell more about the main idea?"

We will also read *Baby Brains*. In this fiction we will meet a newborn baby who can do lots of things most babies can't. Mr. and Mrs. Brains are surprised when Baby Brains starts reading, fixing cars, and going to school. When Baby joins scientists on a space mission, he misses home too much. When he returns, he is so happy, and begins to act like a regular baby.

The word wall words are **off** and **take**. The letters of the week are **Yy** and **Qq**. We will be focusing on the sounds Yy and Qq make, as well as words that begin with y and qu. The grammar lesson for this week is prepositions: for, to, and with. The children will learn that prepositions are little words that show a connection between the other words in a sentence. We will learn to write a poem, a kind of writing that sometimes uses rhyming words. The Decodable Readers are *Not Yet* and *Can Not Quit Yet*.

Only three more spelling tests are left. Hurray! The mastering of these words is necessary for the promotion into first grade. We are extremely proud of every child and thankful to all of you for the support and help you have given your child at home. It's amazing to see the number of perfect scores!! There will be **a spelling test on Wednesday**. It will include twenty words and three-dictated sentences.

This week, in math, we will be using surveys and real graphs. The children will be polled about a topic and we will display the data in a real graph. We will also continue to complete the math packets for the remainder of the year.

There is a **Sports Dress Down Day on Tuesday, May 15th**, 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 23rd, we will be going to the **Roger Williams Park Zoo**. We will be leaving St. Cecilia School at 9:15am and returning at approximately 1:45pm. Your child will need to bring a **bag lunch**. We need to travel lightly and throw the lunch trash away, so **no lunch boxes please**. Also, **no glass bottles** are allowed. Watch the weather so your child can dress appropriately. **Comfortable shoes and appropriate outdoor clothing are suggested**. If you are chaperoning, please be in the classroom at 9:00am and bring a backpack or bag large enough to carry the lunches of the children you will be chaperoning. Each chaperone has two or three children, including your own. A separate notice went going home last week with specific details for chaperones. We can't wait to see all of you.

The permission slip for Field Day at the Seekonk Swim & Tennis Club on Monday, June 4th, went home before spring vacation. If you did not send in your form and payment, **please send it in immediately.** We hope many of you will be able to chaperone this event. If you are hesitant about letting your child swim, pre-k and kindergarten children will only be using the wading pool at the club. It is a great way to cool off and they will be able to swim at anytime throughout the day. The last few years, we had many chaperones for kindergarten, so supervision was very good. We hope this will make you feel more comfortable with this activity.

The PTO presents the **2018 St. Cecilia School Mother Son Bowling Event on Sunday, May 20th** at North Bowl, North Attleboro, MA from 12:45pm – 3:00pm. For only \$20.00 per person, you will get a \$10.00 game card, 2 hours of bowling and shoe rental, pizza, and soda. Mothers can strike up a good time with their sons! Please return the bottom of this flyer back to school by Friday, May 11th.

The PTO cordially invites you to attend the **Annual Mother Daughter Event.** Come enjoy **Paint and Punch** at 1:00pm (Pre-K – 3rd Grade) and 4:30pm (4th – 8th Grade) on Sunday, June 10th at Paint and Vino, 150 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI. Painting a *Flip Flop Painting* together will have lasting memories. The cost is \$46.00 per mother/daughter, with an extra \$20.00 for an additional daughter. Please complete and return the lower portion of the response form with payment no later than Friday, May 25th.

Donnelly's Uniforms will be here at the school on Thursday, May 24th between 1:00 pm and 3:00pm for in-school fitting day. If you place your order on in-school fitting day, you will receive 20% off. Other benefits of an early order are free alterations and items will be ready sooner to avoid the late summer rush.

Kindergarten Graduation will take place on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 9:00 am in the Church Hall, lasting approximately ninety minutes. Any family members you wish to invite are also welcome to attend. At the conclusion of this program, the kindergarten school year is completed and your child is able to go home with you. We are very excited and will be making this a special day for everyone.

A **reception** after the Kindergarten Graduation is being planned for all to enjoy. We are asking each family to help by bringing in one food or party item. Mrs. Ferreira and I will provide the graduation cake. **Mrs. Ferreira will be at the door during drop off time in the morning.** Please see her this week to sign up for the item of your choice. Thank you again for your help!

Have a great week!

Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira