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Dear Families,

Winter is really here with prevailing **cold** temperatures. Most of the children have been remembering their winter gear. Keeping a hat and some gloves in their backpack is a great way to always be prepared for the cold weather.

Thank you for entering the **2019 Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest**. The students who sent back their entry forms had wonderful handwriting samples. We are sure one of our kindergarten students will make it to the national level!

This week in reading, the big book, *Turtle Splash!* is a concept book that teaches the children about numbers. We will count backwards from ten as turtles jump into the water after other animals scare them. We will ask the question, "What causes events in a story to happen?"

We will also read, *Home for a Tiger, Home for a Bear*, another informational text. This book tells us that animals live in all kinds of places. Starting with a spider on its web, we will learn about the different kinds of homes where snails, deer, squirrels, and many more animals live. Finally, we learn about a home children are very familiar with – a house!

The word wall words are **now** and **are**. The letter of the week is **Bb**. We will identify words that begin with and end with the letter b sound. The grammar lesson for this week is using verbs in past tense. We will write one sentence in present tense, then rewrite it in past tense. An example of this is: The duck quacks loudly. Yesterday, the duck quacked loudly. We will also learn that the events in a story happen in a certain order. Stories have a beginning, middle, and an end. The Decodable Readers are *What Now?* and *At Bat*. Again, continue to point to each word as it is read.

The **first written word wall word test** will be given on Wednesday morning at the writing center. The practice test last week was a total success. Every student did a fantastic job and Mrs. Ferreira and I were very proud of the class. Writing the Word Wall Words was not a problem. The use of an uppercase letter at the beginning, spaces between words, and a period at the end of a sentence were the only reminders most students needed with the dictated sentences. Again, we are extremely happy with the results of the practice test and we are confident everyone will do a great job on the first spelling test this week!

We will be completing the **Renaissance STAR Early Literacy Assessment** on the Chrome Books this week. You will be receiving the results with your child's report card next month. Should I feel a need to speak to you sooner, I will contact you to discuss your child's progress.

Fewer, fewest, and most will be the focus this week in math. The children will compare and draw groups with fewer or more objects than other groups. We will also learn the ordinal numbers first through fifth. This should not be difficult because we use ordinal numbers daily during calendar at morning circle.

The religion lessons this week is "God the Father Gives Us Jesus." We will discuss that God gave us the gift of Jesus because he loves us.

There is an **Eighth Grade Dress Down Day on Tuesday, January 15th**, so please send in the coupon or \$3.00 if your child is dressing down.

Please join the PTO of **Saint Cecilia's School at our 6th annual "Taste of the Town"** at Grupo Amigos Da Terceira, 55 Memorial Drive, Pawtucket, RI on Monday, January 28, 2019 from 6:00pm to 9:00 pm. **Tickets were sent home two weeks ago and we are asking each family to purchase two tickets to support our biggest fundraiser of the year.** 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. **Thank you for your continued support of our school!**

Mrs. Ferreira sent the **Scholastic Book** flyers last week. If you are planning to order books, please place your order online before Wednesday, January 23rd so we can submit your orders.

Catholic Schools Week is scheduled from January 27th– February 1st. Please help us start celebrating this week by joining us at the 10:00am Mass on January 27th in St. Cecilia Church. We are asking that all students wear their school uniform as an identifying sign of our presence in the Parish of Blessed Pope John Paul II. Following Mass we will hold an Open House for prospective students and their families.

On **Sunday, January 27th**, St. Cecilia School is having an **Open House** from 11:30am -1:30pm. Please tell all your friends to come and see what St. Cecilia School has to offer. We are all very proud of our school community, and wish to share it with as many as we can.

Next Monday, January 21st, there is **no school** in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Just a reminder: **Sports Dress Down Day** is next Tuesday, January 22nd, the day after the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. If your child is dressing down, please send the coupon or \$3.00 in his/her folder.

Have a great week, and we hope you enjoy your upcoming long weekend!

Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira