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Dear Families,

We hope you enjoyed the Monday holiday. It's hard to believe January is coming to an end! We keep saying time flies when you are having fun. It is so true with this class. The next few weeks are very busy with the Hundredth Day of School Celebration, Catholic Schools Week, and even Valentine's Day! Keep an eye open for information regarding these fun events in your child's folder.

There is a **Sports Dress Down Day this Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**, so please send in the coupon or \$3.00 if your child is dressing down.

This week in reading, the big book, *What a Beautiful Sky!* is an informational text. The children will learn that although we see the sky every day, it is always changing. We will read about and see pictures of the sun, moon, and stars. We will discuss and ask the question, "Why is it important to know what happens first, next, and last in a selection?"

We will also read, *How Many Stars in the Sky?* This book, a realistic fiction, tells about a little boy who starts counting the stars in the sky when he can't sleep one night. He goes outside, but it's too hard to count all the stars. His father decides to help, but he can't count all of the stars either. Finally, it is daylight and they see the only star in the sky, the sun.

The word wall words **come, me, with, my, what, you, are,** and **now** will be reviewed this week. The letters **Aa, Nn, Ff,** and **Bb** will also be reviewed. We will be discussing and writing statements. The children will learn that a statement is a kind of sentence that tells about something. They have a naming part (noun) and an action part (verb) and begin with a capital letter and end with a period. As we did last month, we will be writing descriptive sentences about one topic. We will talk about how to choose a good topic and how to write several sentences using adjectives to make the description more interesting to the reader. The children will first write several facts, then write a first draft, and finally, write a final copy about their idea throughout the week.

The Decodable Readers are *Pam Cat* and *Come With Me*. Again, continue to point to each word as it is read.

**The spelling test will be given on Wednesday.** The class did a nice job on the spelling test last week. Mrs. Ferreira and I will continue to send home a sight word practice assignment the night before the weekly spelling test to

help the children review the words. If this week's tests are as impressive, we would like to present them at the **open house** on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> for other prospective families to see. These tests will be returned to you on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> in your child's folder. Keep up the super work! Again, it is amazing to see how well the class is doing! Thank you!

In math, the focus is equalizing sets. Given a set of snap cubes, the students will add or subtract cubes to make a set equal to a given set.

The religion lesson this week is "Jesus Grew Up in Nazareth." We will discuss the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Please join the PTO of **Saint Cecilia's School at our 6<sup>th</sup> 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 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. This event is our biggest fundraiser, and your support is greatly appreciated!

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

If your child is **ordering hot lunch in February**, please return the form and payment by January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Catholic Schools Week** is scheduled from January 27<sup>th</sup>–February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please help us start celebrating this week by joining us at the 10:00am Mass on January 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira