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Dear Families,

Catholic Schools Week, January 27th – February 1st, is here! Many activities are planned throughout the week. Groundhog's Day is on Saturday. This should be a fun and exciting week of school!

Monday is My Favorite Movie Character. Students are encouraged to dress as their favorite movie character. No masks allowed and each student should wear appropriate attire. The students will be making cards, thanking their families for sending them to St. Cecilia School. The **5th annual "Taste of the Town"** at Grupo Amigos Da Terceira, 55 Memorial Drive, Pawtucket, RI is tonight from 6:00pm to 9:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. This event is our biggest fundraiser, and your support is greatly appreciated! Mrs. Ferreira and I hope to see everyone there!

Tuesday is Color Day. Kindergarten wears as much **blue** as possible!

Wednesday is Heritage Day. The students should wear clothing that represents their cultural heritage. Our Church Buddies will be joining us for a special Bingo Game after lunch in the cafeteria.

Thursday is Dress Down Sports Day. Wear your favorite sports team jersey. Students will be making Valentine's Day Cards with their Church Buddies to be taken to Jean Jagan Nursing Home. **No homework tonight!** This is a special treat for our wonderful students!

Friday is "Keep the Heat On!" Wear hats and scarfs with your gym uniform! Students are asked to bring in \$2.00 in order to wear their hats and scarves while in class. The money raised will go to support the "Bishop's Keep the Heat on Initiative".

If you have any questions about these events, please see the notice that went home last week, or ask Mrs. Ferreira or me.

It is Groundhog Day on Saturday! Will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow? Who knows what the next six weeks will bring!

We will be attending **Mass** on Friday, February 1st, at 8:30am. You are welcomed to join us. **The 8th grade will be having a bake sale** after Mass. Baked items will be for sale for \$.50 to \$1.50. If you would like children to participate, please send in their money in a plastic bag with their name on it. Thank you for supporting our 8th graders.

Assessments are beginning this week for the upcoming report card. Report cards will be sent home on Thursday, February 28th. Mrs. Ferreira and I are very proud of this class. They are working very hard!

This week in reading, the big book, *What is Science?* is an informational text. The children will talk about different kinds of science and will read about a range of science topics. We will discuss and ask the question, "Why are details helpful?"

We will also read *Dear Mr. Blueberry*. This book, a fantasy story, tells about a little girl named Emily. She discovers a whale in her backyard pond and writes to her teacher, Mr. Blueberry, to find out more about whales. He tells her it can't be a whale because they live in salt water. After learning that whales migrate, Emily's whale leaves the pond to go back to the ocean. Will Emily ever see her friend again?

The word wall words are **is** and **how**. **The spelling test is on Wednesday.** Mrs. Ferreira and I were happy with the spelling test last week. Many students did an outstanding job and were so happy and proud of their work! If your child is having a difficult time remembering the sight words, practice mastering these words several different ways. Ask your child to identify them using the index cards, dictate the words and have your child write them down on paper, and make sure they are reading these words in the books as they read every night for homework. If they are still having a problem, please make an appointment and we can work together to help them succeed.

The letter of the week is **short i**. We will be focusing on the sound short i makes and reviewing the rime families, **_it, _in, _ip, and _ig**. The grammar lesson for this week is proper nouns. The children will learn that sometimes a noun tells exactly whom you are talking about. These are the names of people or pets and they are always capitalized. We will also learn about and write a very short letter called a message. A message is written to tell someone a little bit of information. They include the name of the person you are writing to, a short message, and your name under the message. This should be a fun activity. We believe you will be receiving many messages from your child after this week's lesson is complete! The Decodable Readers are *What Is It?* and *It Is My Cab*. Again, continue to point to each word as it is read.

In math, we will review the ordinal numbers first through tenth. We will also begin to count on and count back on a number line. During the next few weeks we will talk about what comes before and after each number. One activity you may wish to do at home is "What number is missing?" Use flash cards or write a number line omitting several numbers and see if your child can tell you which numbers are missing. 0, 1, 2, __, 4, 5, __, 7, 8, __, 10. We will also be reviewing ordinal numbers; first, second, third, etc. through tenth. The children will be practicing simple addition sentences using red and yellow counters.

At this time, the children should be able to count to 100 and identify numerals 1-100. During the remainder of the year, we will practice writing the numbers 1-100. Please practice counting by ten's, five's, and two's at home with your child. We count by two's daily during morning circle; however, the more practice, the better.

The religion lessons this week are "Jesus Teaches and Helps Us." We will discuss that Jesus went everywhere teaching and helping people. Jesus was kind and good.

As of today, hoping no snow cancellations change our plans, **Thursday, February 7th will be the hundredth day of school.** We can only hope a snow day will not change our schedule! It is so hard to believe it is here already. The day's activities will be geared for a big celebration and we're sure you are hearing all about it.

On Wednesday, January 30th, a notice will be sent home regarding **a 100th day project** we will be doing. Basically, your child will be creating "something" out of 100 objects (pennies, popsicle sticks, craft items, etc.) and bringing it in on the hundredth day to present to the class. Look for the notice in your child's folder.

Just a reminder: You have received a **registration packet** for the upcoming school year in your child's folder. If your child is returning to St. Cecilia School next year, please return the completed forms, along with your registration fee in your child's folder or bring it directly to the school office. Thank you.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira