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Dear Families,

The **Hundredth Day of School** was so much fun and it sure was busy. After weeks of anticipation, putting ten bundles of ten straws together was so exciting! During morning circle, each child presented his or her one hundred-piece project. Everyone did a fantastic job! Mrs. Tetzner came into our room for a visit and was very impressed with everyone's project and their enthusiasm for learning. See our classroom website for pictures. We wore hundredth day crowns and colored our hidden number picture. The Count to 100 Fish Bowl Sticker Scene was a hit! Wow, what an incredible day!

This week in reading, the big book, *In the Big Blue Sea*, is an informational text. The children will talk about different fish that live and swim in the ocean. They will read about and see many different fish and decide which color fish they'd like to be! They will discuss and answer the question, "How does knowing why the author wrote a selection help me?"

We will also read *One-Dog Canoe*. This book, a fiction, tells about a girl and her dog going on a trip in her canoe. They meet many animals, which ask if they can come along and then jump in the canoe. The canoe goes lower and lower, until it sinks and plops everyone in the water. After they take a swim, the girl and her dog set off alone at last in their canoe!

The word wall words are **be** and **will**. **There will be a spelling test on Wednesday**. The letter of the week is **Rr**. We will identify words that begin with the letter r sound. The grammar lesson for this week is using verbs in the future tense. We will review that verbs tell what people, animals, and things do. Sometimes we want to tell about something that will happen in the future and to do this, we change the verb. In the past, the dog wagged its tail. In the future, the dog will wag its tail. The children will also be writing letters. They will learn that a letter is a type of a long message and has three parts, a greeting, middle, and a closing.

Comparing numbers 1-12, using the terms less than, equal to, and greater than, and ordering the numbers 1-12, using the terms before, after, and between, will be the focus of the math lessons this week.

Valentine's Day is here! We will complete making our cute bags to hold the goodies this week during afternoon centers. A **Valentine Card Exchange** will be taking place on Thursday afternoon, February 14th. Our 8th Grade Church Buddies will be visiting us during this exchange. **If anyone could donate valentine cookies**

to share with our buddies, please let Mrs. Ferreira or me know. What an exciting time it will be!

Kindergarten is in need of tissues and Clorox Wipes. We have depleted our sources. If you could send in a box and container as soon as possible, we would really appreciate it. If you have already helped us, thank you so much.

There is a **Sports Dress Down Day on Tuesday, February 12th**, so please send in the coupon or \$3.00 if your child is dressing down.

Have a great week and a wonderful **Winter Vacation!**

Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira