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Dear Families,

It's hard to believe the field trip to Confreda Farm is already here! The weather looks beautiful but chilly. We will paint the pumpkins we picked at the farm next week on Monday afternoon. What a fun week we will have!

The children do **not** have to wear their school uniforms to Confreda Farms. We suggest wearing comfortable, warm (if needed) clothing and sneakers, since we will be walking through the farm, riding on the wagon, and choosing our own pumpkin! Please remember to pack a bag lunch. **Do not use your lunchboxes** because they are too bulky and we want to be able to throw the bag away before we leave. If you are planning to chaperone the field trip, please be in the classroom by 9:15am. The bus departs at 9:30am and returns at 1:30pm. Directions will be available in the classroom when you arrive.

Thank you to the families that donated deodorant for the St. John Paul II Food Pantry. The entire school collected over 500 items to help people in need! Our class collected 74 deodorant sticks! Wow! We came in first place on the first floor and Grade 8 came in first on the second floor. Congratulations to our Church Buddies! We have been given a dress-down day on Wednesday, October 24th. **Yeah, kindergarten!**

This week in reading, the big book, *Kite Flying*, is a realistic fiction story about a family that works together to make and fly a dragon kite. Sequence of events, telling the order in which things happen, will be the focus. We'll explore the question, "Why is the order in which things happen in a story important?"

We'll also read *The Little Red Hen*, a folk tale and fable about a Little Red Hen who finds some wheat seeds. She decides to plant the seeds to make flour for a cake she wants to bake. The Little Red Hen asks her friends to help her, but her friends always refuse. When the cake is ready, her friends want to eat. The Little Red Hen tells them that if they want to share the cake they have to share the work, too! A good lesson for all to learn!

The word wall words **and, I, like, am, can, would, because,** and **the** will be reviewed. The letter of the

week is **Ss**. We will be focusing on the sound Ss makes, and naming, writing, and drawing pictures of words that begin with that sound. Action verbs in present tense will be reviewed. In writing, what we call class story, will focus on using more details within each sentence. We will be writing several sentences about the topic, *My Favorite Toy*. We will start with ideas, expand to sentences, and then add more detail to our final writing, making our story more interesting to read.

The Decodable Readers are *Ss*, a picture story, and *I Like Ss*. Again, as your child reads this book to you, have him or her point to each word as it is read. Thank you for your help!

Chapter 2 in math has begun! Last week, the children learned about cylinders, cones, spheres, cubes, and rectangular prisms. This week we will sort solid geometrical shapes. The focus will be on which shapes are able to roll, slide, or stack. We will chart the shapes as we talk about curved or flat surfaces. The class will be using manipulative foam shapes to discover which qualities each shape needs to be categorized. If you have any questions about these three-dimensional shapes, we are sure the children would be happy to answer them.

This week's chapter in religion is "God Made the Animals." The lesson will focus on identifying all kinds of animals and how to care for the animals that God created. Each student will identify and create a drawing of their favorite animal.

You have received a **Harvest Mix** donation slip in your folder asking you to donate a small treat for our special activity. **Please bring in your item on Friday, October 26th.** On Monday afternoon, October 29th, the class will be snacking on this wonderful mixture. Please let us know if you are unable to donate the item assigned to you. This is one of our favorite activities!

Mrs. Ferreira is sending out another **Scholastic Book** order form with many Thanksgiving and Christmas books available to purchase. In order to receive these books before the holidays, please purchase books online before Wednesday, November 7th. Thank you.

The **St. Cecilia Halloween Party** will be held on Friday, October 26th in the Church Hall from 6pm-8pm. This annual event is always a good time filled with fun, music, dancing, and most importantly, plenty of refreshments and goodies. Tickets for the children are \$5.00, and adults accompanying children do not need to buy a ticket. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please send in the form and ticket money you received last week no later than Monday, October 22nd. We can't wait to see everyone in his or her costumes!

Have a great week!

Thank you,
Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira