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Dear Families,

What a terrific time we had on Thursday at Confreda Farms! The weather was a little disappointing but we all handled the cold well. The wagon ride was sometimes bumpy, making it fun and exciting. We were able to pick a good-sized pumpkin that we will have fun painting on Monday. It turned out to be a great day!

So many children attended the Halloween Party last Friday night! What a wonderful evening! The decorations were spectacular, the food was delicious, and the music kept the party hopping. It really was an enjoyable event.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the **Parent/Teacher Conferences** on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30pm to 7:00pm. A notice is in your child's folder today. Return the completed bottom portion indicating a time you would be available, giving me at least three different times. Please choose at least one in the afternoon and one in the evening. I will get back to you to let you know your exact time. Each conference is 15 minutes long. I would encourage an afternoon appointment if possible, as evening hours naturally tend to be busier.

During the next few weeks, we'll discuss the theme **Show and Tell**. Real and fictional characters will help us learn about sights and sounds, as well as shapes and movement. We will talk about the idea, "Books help us learn new things."

This week in reading, the big book, *My Five Senses*, is an informational text. We'll ask the question, "How are the five senses the same and how are they different?" We will read about our senses and how we use them, sometimes without even knowing it!

We'll also read *Listen, Listen*, a concept book about the many sounds we hear in autumn, winter, spring, and summer. We will discuss the sounds of animals and other things we hear during each season.

The word wall words are **see** and **friend**. The letter of the week is **Aa**. We will be focusing on the sound Aa makes, naming, writing, and drawing pictures of words that begin with that sound. Sensory words, (sweet,

bright, loud, buzz, etc.) will be explored. We will incorporate these words in our sentences to begin descriptive writing.

The Decodable Readers are *Aa*, a picture story, and *I See*. Again, as your child reads this book to you, have him or her point to each word as it is read.

Many of you already review the work we do in school at home, and we do appreciate it very much. It helps your child tremendously and is so important at this age and level. Please continue to review all papers that go home with your child. Ask them to explain what the paper is all about. For example, in phonics, review letter sounds and words that begin with that sound. Challenge your child to think of words that end with that sound. The children are beginning to sound out words and write sentences independently. Their confidence level will increase with more practice and you will see a dramatic improvement very quickly. It is so important to reinforce the concepts we do at school in a different environment.

In math, we will be identifying plane figures that make up the flat surfaces of solids. An example of this is a square makes up the flat surfaces of a cube. We will be making solid shapes out of Play-doh, which we are sure will be a hit! Also, the children will discuss the properties of a triangle. A corner is where two sides meet and the triangle has three sides.

This week's chapter in religion is "Ordinary Time". It is a chapter focusing on the Saints. Jesus' friends lived their lives loving God and they are called Saints.

On Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be attending **Mass** celebrating **All Saints Day** at 8:30am. All are welcome to join us. Just a reminder: All students must wear their school uniforms. No dress-down coupons are accepted on any Mass day. Thank you for understanding.

After Mass, Grade 8 will be hosting a **bake sale**. Items will cost between \$.50 and \$1.50. Thank you for supporting the eighth grade class.

Mrs. Ferreira sent home 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 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

The eighth grade needs our help! They are hosting an **Eighth Grade Dress Down Coupon Fundraiser** to help raise money for Class Night and Graduation. They will be selling dress coupons. Each Coupon book is \$20.00 and contains eight coupons with designated dates on them. Checks can be made out to St. Cecilia School. The class of 2019 thanks you for your support!

**Grandparents' Day** is on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, from 8:45am to 11:00am. We know it's a month away, but we want you to be able to clear your calendars. Grandparents will be directed to the classroom upon arrival so they may then walk together with the students to the church for Mass beginning at 9:00am. Coffee and pastries will be served at the school afterwards followed by time in the classroom to enjoy with the students. Take home a keepsake for a nominal cost of \$5.00 for a 5X7 photo. Photos will be taken after Mass. You will receive a form next week. Please complete and return the form by Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend so we can plan for this special day.

Have a great week!

Thank you,  
Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira