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# Kindergarten Times

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Dear Families,

On Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, you will be receiving a written **Conference Report** containing areas of achievement and areas for improvement, as well as the results of the Early Literacy Renaissance Star Testing in your child's folder. Please note kindergarten does not follow the Grade 1- 8 Report Card schedule.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the **Parent/Teacher Conferences** on the following evening. The conferences are on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30pm to 7:00pm. Please return your sign-up form if you have not done so already. Thank you.

This week in reading, the big book, *Mice Squeak, We Speak*, is a realistic fiction text. We'll read about animal and human communication, and ask the question, "How can I learn about the characters in a story?" An activity you might try at home is to play a compare and contrast game. Ask your child to choose some favorite animals and tell what they do differently from people. For example, say, "We talk, but dogs bark." Take turns making up sentences. You could also ask your child what it might be like to be an animal such as a mouse. How would it be different from being a person? How would it be the same? This activity would definitely spark discussion!

We will also read, *Amelia's Show and Tell Fiesta*, another realistic fiction text. A little girl, named Amelia, decides to wear her fiesta dress for show and tell. When she sees what her classmates have brought into school, she feels foolish. Once she begins telling the class about her fiesta dress, she feels right at home!

The word wall words are **we** and **at**. The letter of the week is **Tt**. We will be focusing on the sound Tt makes, naming, writing, and drawing pictures of words that begin with that sound. Sensory words, as well as descriptive sentences will be reviewed. The Decodable Readers are *Tt*, a picture story, and *We Like Tt*. Again, as your child reads this book to you, have him or her point to each word as it is read.

We had a terrific time making solid shapes out of Play-doh last week. Cylinders, cones, spheres, cubes, and

rectangular prisms were constructed with ease. The whole class enjoyed this activity!

This week's chapter in religion is: "The Church Year", emphasizing that we celebrate God's love all year, during every season.

If you are ordering **Scholastic Books**, please purchase books online before Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

The eighth grade needs our help! They are hosting an **Eight 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 first dress-down day is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Please purchase your coupons this week if you are planning to participate. The class of 19 thanks you for your support!

**Grandparents' Day** is on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, from 8:45am to 11:00am. It's getting closer. Please 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.

Just a reminder: There is **no school on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** because of a Teacher Professional Day and **Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**, in honor of Veteran's Day.

Have a great week!

Thank you,  
Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira