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Dear Families,

This is the last week we are collecting **mittens, hats, and socks to give to St. Vincent DePaul** so they can distribute them to families in need. If you have not done so already, please bring in your items before Friday, December 14th. We would like to take a class picture with our collection to send to the Feinstein Newsletter. Thank you in advance for your donation.

The **Christmas Concert** is this Tuesday evening, December 11th, and begins at 7:00pm. Please bring your child to the classroom at 6:30pm, no earlier please. The dress code for the concert is the **school uniform. The children can dress up their uniforms with Christmas accessories.** After the children perform, they will come back to their classroom in the school. They will be waiting for you to pick them up there so we can avoid any confusion. Please stay and enjoy the entire concert. The children are doing a wonderful job with the musical selections they are singing! We are sure they can't wait for you to see their performance.

Spruce Up For Spring is the basket theme for our kindergarten class. **Only four families have contributed to this fundraiser.** A donation of one item (\$5.00 to \$10.00) would be greatly appreciated. Suggested items are: gloves, Windex, Pine-sol, mop, Swiffer, dusters sponges, etc. **The donation deadline was November 30th. Please bring in your items immediately if you have not done so already.** Thank you in advance.

This week in reading, the big book, *Jump into January*, is a concept book. We'll learn about the months of the year and ask the question, "How are the months of the year the same and different?" A suggested, fun activity for you and your child to do to reinforce the changes of outdoor weather during the different seasons is to discuss a favorite outdoor place and what you do there. With your child, draw a picture of this place and encourage your child to write a sentence that tells about the picture.

We will also read, *Every Season*, an informational text. Beginning with spring, children tell what is so special about spring, summer, autumn, and finally, winter. When winter turns into spring again, the children are once again ready to experience all the things we find in that season.

The word wall words are **come** and **me**. The review letter of the week is **Aa**. We will be focusing on the sound Aa makes and reviewing the rime families, **_at, _an, _ap, _ag, _ad, and _ag**.

The grammar lesson for this week is the subject of a sentence. The children will learn that a sentence is a group of words that tells something. A sentence has two parts, a naming part (noun), and an action part (verb). The naming part is who or what the sentence is about and this is called the subject. We will also be writing story sentences, emphasizing that stories are more interesting when they tell about specific people, animals, places, and things. Details are also important to make a story more interesting.

The Decodable Readers are *Come and See Me* and *Pam and Me*. Again, as your child reads this book to you, have him or her point to each word as it is read.

The religion lesson this week is "We Learn About God with Our Families." Families spend time together, keep us safe, teach us to share, and care for others.

The Chapter 2 test will be given on Wednesday. We will review all two and three-dimensional shapes, as well as AB, AAB, ABB, AABB, and ABC patterns. On Friday, we will begin a new chapter exploring the relationships of direction and position in space, focusing on the understanding of position words, such as left, right, between, before, after, behind, etc. This chapter will be a great deal of fun!

The Knights of Columbus presents **Breakfast with Santa** on Sunday, December 16th. Attend Mass and enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet with Santa. The cost for the event is: adults-\$10.00, children-\$5, and families (2 adults and 3 children)-\$25.00. Tickets will be made available after all Masses, at the rectory and at the school office. Tickets will also be sold at the door. However, space is limited so get your tickets early!

Please help support our **Sports Program** by purchasing coupons that enable your child to dress down on specified days throughout the year. The donation is \$15.00 for seven days or \$3.00 per dress-down day. The money allows the school to purchase new sporting equipment, uniforms and first aid kits as needed. The children (and teachers too!) enjoy

wearing "regular clothes" to school occasionally, and the donations go to a very important program in our school!

Sports Dress Down Day is this Tuesday, December 11th. Please send the coupon or \$3.00 in your child's folder if you are participating in this fundraiser.

The **Saint Cecilia School Christmas Hot Lunch** is on Friday, December 21st at 11:00am in the Church Hall. The price is \$5.00 per student, which includes 1 slice of Papa Gino's pizza, a juice box, dessert, and a Mad Science Presentation. An extra slice of pizza is \$1.00. If you choose not to get a hot lunch, the price for the presentation is \$2.00. Please return your form with cash or check (payable to St. Cecilia School) by December 14th.

Thank you,

Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira