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Dear Families,

We are beginning the final three full weeks of school before Christmas vacation! There are many fun activities planned, as well as extra practices for the Christmas Concert. It's a joy seeing the excitement in the children's faces waiting for that special day to come.

Our kindergarten class is participating in a Feinstein Project to help families in our area keep warm this winter season. We are collecting **mittens, hats, and socks to give to St. Vincent DePaul** so they can distribute them to families in need. 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 on Tuesday evening, December 11th, and begins at 7:00pm. Please bring your child to the classroom at 6:30pm. 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.

Speaking of the Christmas Concert, **Win 2nd Row VIP Seats** for up to 6 people the night of the St. Cecilia School Christmas Concert! Tickets are \$5.00 a piece. Please return the money and form by December 7th. The winner will be notified on December 10th. The Grand Prize Winner will definitely be very happy the night of the concert!

Spruce Up For Spring is the basket theme for our kindergarten class. **Only three 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, *Mouse Shapes*, is a concept book, teaching us about shapes. This

book is about some mice that hide from a cat. The mice use different shapes to hide in and also use the shapes to make different things. We will ask the question, "How do the parts of a story work together?"

We will also read, *David's Drawings*, a realistic fiction text. On his way to school, David sees a tree that he wants to draw. David draws the tree at school, and all his friends add to his drawing. He likes the class drawing, but he really wants to make his own drawing of the tree. When he goes home, he is able to draw the tree by himself.

The word wall words **see, we, a, friend, up, at, they, and to** will be reviewed this week. The letters **Aa, Tt, Cc,** and **Pp** will also be reviewed. Using size and shape words as adjectives, such as: large, round, small, square, etc., is the grammar lesson of the week. We will also be writing descriptive sentences about one topic. We will talk about how to choose a good topic and how to write several sentences using adjectives to make the description more interesting to the reader. The children will first write several facts, then write a first draft, and finally, write a final copy about their idea throughout the week. The Decodable Readers are *Mmmm, Good* and *The Playground*.

In math, we will transfer patterns and create our own patterns. The Chapter 2 test will be given next week. We will review all two and three-dimensional shapes. Please ask your child to tell you about the cylinder, cone, sphere, cube, and rectangular prism. You will be surprised to find out all they know!

The religion lesson this week is *God Made Us*. We will learn that God made everyone special and He loves everyone.

Mrs. Ferreira sent home Scholastic book flyers today. If you are ordering **Scholastic Books**, please place your order on or before Friday, December 7th. Thank you.

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!

Lifetouch Pictures will be at St. Cecilia School, this Tuesday, December 4th. If your child was absent or you would like to have your child's picture retaken, please send in the original package.

St. Cecilia School invites you to **Holiday Family Movie Night featuring Arthur Christmas Movies** on December 7th from 6:00pm-9:00pm in the Church Hall. The movie will start promptly at 6:00pm with the doors opening at 5:30pm. Refreshments will be sold for a small price. Bring a chair or blanket, come in your Christmas pajamas or favorite PJ's and enjoy a fun-filled night with family and friends.

The 8th grade will be having bake sales after every First Friday Mass. Baked items will be for sale for \$.50 to \$1.50. If you would like children to participate, please send in their money in a plastic bag with their name on it. Thank you for supporting our 8th graders.

We will be attending **Mass** at 8:30am on Friday, December 7th to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. You are welcomed to join us.

Thank you,

Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira