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Dear Families,

Happy New Year! It's always a challenge to remember a New Year (2019) and calendar time should prove to be quite interesting. We are anxious to see how many children will be aware of the change. Knowing this class, they will have no trouble at all moving forward.

Now that the holidays are over, we will return to the regular classroom routine. Wednesday, January 2nd, will be our 76th day of school. You will be hearing about our 100th Day school celebration frequently in the coming month. We are beginning to plan many 100th Day activities for this special day and will keep you informed.

Please remember hats, mittens or gloves, and warm coats. We do try to go outside if it is possible. The entire class is doing a terrific job putting on their winter gear and zippering their coats by themselves. We are very happy they are so independent, and they are very proud of themselves.

Math will be our focus this week because there are only three school days. A new reading lesson will begin next week.

In math, we will reinforce the concepts of before, between, and after on Wednesday. We will also review the position words: above, below, top, middle, bottom, over, on, under, left, right, between, before, and after. The Chapter 3 test will be given on Thursday. On to Chapter 4 on Friday! This chapter focuses on the concepts fewer, fewest, more, most, and equal to. The numbers 1-30 are also introduced. We have collated a "Chapter 4 Math Book" concentrating on the numbers 1-10. Each child will work individually on this book at a morning rotation table. The higher numbers in this chapter will be taught at the supervised math table. We are hoping to get through this chapter quickly to begin charting, addition, and subtraction.

You may have noticed that a **fact family a day** has replaced writing the numbers 1-10 on the back of the sign-in sheet each morning. Each child rolls a set of dice to reveal the two numbers he or she will use for the fact family. He or she counts the dice dots to make two addition sentences and two subtraction sentences relating to the two numbers. If you have a set of dice at home, it would be fun, as well as great practice, to see this in action!

We are implementing a new reading homework assignment beginning today, January 2nd. We are asking you to read with your child nightly. Log the name of the book, who read it, and the amount of time you read on the **Reading Log Calendar**. Please keep this log in your child's folder, so it will go home and come back to school daily. Partner reading is encouraged and we hope this will be a fun assignment for you and your child. You can read to your child, your child can read to you, or you can share the reading by reading a page to each other. We are hoping to see 15 minutes of reading Monday - Friday. **This reading homework needs to be completed daily in order for you child to receive their morning star.** Thank you for your support with this assignment.

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.

We will be attending **Mass** on Friday, January 4th, at 8:30am. You are welcomed to join us.

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.

Please save the date for our largest fundraiser of the year, **Taste of the Town**. This event is on January 28, 2019 at Grupo Amigos Da Terceira on 55 Memorial Drive, Pawtucket, RI.

Mrs. Ferreira and I would like to thank you so much for your support. We truly appreciate all you do. Helping your child with the lessons of the week, volunteering your time, and donating items for the children to use are some of the instances for which we are very grateful. We realize how very lucky we are to have this parental support!!

Have a great week!

Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira