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# Kindergarten Times

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Dear Families,

It was so nice to see so many of you at Back-to-School Night this past Thursday! Thank you to those who took items from our Wishing Tree. Your support and generosity were so evident throughout the evening. Communication is very important to us. If you were unable to attend, please feel free to arrange a time to speak to me about the classroom agenda. I am available before school at 7:10am and after school at 2:10pm.

The **reading lesson** for the week will again focus on rhyme. *I Went Upstairs*, *Five Little Ducks*, and *Mix a Pancake* are the poems and songs we will use to identify rhyming words.

We will also continue talking about syllables, explaining that words are made up of parts. The children will be counting the number of syllables in words and blend these syllables together.

**Ff, Gg, Hh, li, and Jj** are the letters of the week. We will practice writing these letters correctly, learn the letter sounds, and identify words that begin with these letters.

We are still working on Chapter 1 in math. Sorting, by size, color, and shape, is the concept that is continuously being stressed. All the children are doing a terrific job with this chapter so far. During morning circle, we will be sorting socks on a clothesline two different ways, by color and size. Next week, we will also be sorting shapes by color, and then resorting by shape. Both these activities are fun and engaging.

We have been working with the numbers 1-20 during morning circle. The children work with the calendar and count the number of days we

have been in school using straws. Please review these numbers by identifying and writing them at home. Several children are struggling with the numbers 11-20. The teens are always the most difficult numbers to remember.

We have been in school 13 days, 3 days of assessments and 10 days in the classroom. Last week, we were able to make our first bundle of ten and the excitement was awesome! Can you believe it? The class is learning the foundations for place value already!

This week's chapter in religion is "God Made All Things." The lesson will focus on how God made the whole world and everything in it. God loves us and cares for us. God filled the world with many things. All things are gifts from God.

Just a reminder: **Lunch Menu Forms need to be returned no later than this Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** in order to receive Hot Lunch for the month of October.

**Lifetouch** will be taking photos at St. Cecilia School this Friday, September 21, 2018. Students wear their school uniform for this photo, as it will be used for the school yearbook and class picture. **Please, no gym uniforms this week!** An informational flyer containing available packages went home two weeks ago.

Mrs. Ferreira will be placing the orders for **Scholastic Books** on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have not ordered and would like to, you still have a few days left. Your books **should** be arriving to our classroom the following week. New order forms will be going out next week. From now until December, you will receive catalogs more frequently to accommodate the upcoming holidays. The next three catalogs are geared toward Halloween, Thanksgiving, and

Christmas. In order to receive your books in a timely manner before each holiday, we will have frequent deadlines. Again, thank you for understanding and supporting this program.

If you are interested in having your child participate in the **String Music Program**, the deadline for sign-ups is this Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. In kindergarten, they are able to learn to play the violin. Please see the Paul Effman Music Service flyer that was sent home last week in your child's folder for more details.

Please consider joining the A+ School Rewards Program from Stop & Shop. St. Cecilia School earns cash for every purchase you make throughout the year. Just log on to [www.stopandshop.com/aplus](http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus) and register online using your Stop & Shop Card. If you registered last year, you do not need to register again this year. **The registration code for St. Cecilia School is #08933.** Please encourage all your family and friends to register too! It is a great way to support our school!

Thank you for all your support and generosity. Mrs. Ferreira and I are so pleased with the progress your children are making. They are becoming very good listeners, and are very excited to learn new things.

Have a great week!

Thank you,  
Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira