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Dear Families,

What a terrific week we had! The children looked wonderful on Friday for their school pictures. Their smiles were priceless. The photographer commented on their fantastic behavior. I am so proud of this class!

During the next few weeks in reading, we will be exploring the theme *Friendly Faces*. Real and fictional characters will take us on adventures in familiar places with families and friends.

The big book is *What Makes a Family?* This is an informational text and we'll read about different family activities, various ethnicities, and extended family members. The children will explore the question, "How can I find the most important ideas in a selection?"

The word wall words are **I** and **am**. A fun activity to help your child learn these words is: ask the question, "How are you feeling today?" or "What are you doing?" and he or she would answer, "I am ____." Help them write the complete sentence. We will be reviewing the letters **Kk**, **Ll**, **Mm**, **Nn**, and **Oo**. Rhyming words and nouns for people will also be reviewed.

We will begin using Decodable Readers every week as part of our reading program. On Mondays, a copy of two books will be going home to be read each night for homework. This week, we will send them home on Wednesday because of our schedule. The two books, *See What We Can Do* and *We Can Make It*, are picture stories. Encourage your child to speak in complete sentences as they tell you his or her own story about the pictures.

If you have seen, "please practice at home" or "please review" on any reading or math papers, your child may be having difficulty with the skills presented and could benefit from extra practice at home.

We will be focusing on handwriting skills throughout the next few weeks. A paper showing the proper way of writing each letter was sent home. If you could monitor your child as he or she forms letters, we would greatly appreciate it. Many children are still starting to write their letters from the bottom and going to the top, instead of top to bottom. We are trying to remind

them, but it is hard to break bad habits if the correct way isn't reinforced constantly. Thank you for your help!

We will continue to sort and resort objects by size, color, and shape in math. We definitely have fun with these activities.

This week's chapter in religion is, "God Gives Us Light." The lesson will focus on how God made the sun, moon, and stars to bring light to our day and night.

In science, we will be identifying parts of the human body: head, neck, torso, arm, leg, foot, hand, finger, toe, shoulder, elbow, wrist, knee, ankle, heel, and shin. We will be playing Simon Says to help us learn. What fun!

Thank you to all who have purchased books from Scholastic Books! Book orders placed last week totaled **\$126!** The classroom received **several free books!** We will continue to send home Scholastic Book catalogs every month. You received another catalog containing many Halloween books last Wednesday. In order to receive these books for the holiday, the next deadline for ordering is Wednesday, October 10th. Thank you for supporting this program!

The Walk-a-thon is on Wednesday, October 3rd. The rain date is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10th. Your child may dress down and participate in the walk if they have donations totaling \$15 or more. The prizes that will be awarded for collecting pledges are listed on the notice. Everyone loves dress-down days, even us. Maybe someone in kindergarten will be the one to win the \$100.00 raffle! Thank you in advance for your efforts and support with this undertaking. We know it is never an easy task for parents to be involved with fundraising events, but this is one of our largest sources of income, with the proceeds used to maintain and improve our facilities. Again, this event is so much fun, as well as so beneficial to our community. Thank you for participating!

The **St. Cecilia Flu Clinic** will be on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm in the St. Cecilia Church Hall. Registration is recommended but

not required. Register online at www.schoolflu.com. If you have insurance, remember to bring your card. There will be no money collected and no out-of-pocket cost for anyone.

Our field trip to **Confreda Greenhouses and Farms** in Cranston, RI is on Thursday, October 25th. Any parent is welcome to chaperone this field trip. We ask that you use your own vehicle and follow the bus so all those who wish will be able to go. Car-pooling has worked in the past, and hopefully this is an option for you. We will have directions available for your convenience. Also, please remember **all chaperones need to complete a background check and a safe environment form in order to volunteer**. If you need to complete a BCI and Safe Environment Check, please see Mrs. Zagorski as soon as possible. The processing of this information could take two or more weeks and the trip is not very far away. The fee for this trip is \$13.00 per student, which covers the cost of the bus and admission. Chaperones are free. We will leave at 9:30 am and return at 1:30pm. **Please fill out the permission form and chaperone portion of the information sheet. Send these back to school, along with your check for \$13.00 made out to St. Cecilia School no later than Tuesday, October 9th**. For planning purposes, this date is very important. Thank you for understanding.

Have a great week!

Thank you,
Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira