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Dear Families,

March is here. Hopefully the weather pattern will be changing soon. We are all ready for spring.

If you have not done so already, please return the **signed report card** in the unsealed envelope as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me to schedule a conference. I will be happy to speak to you about your child's progress at any time.

The short vowels sounds are quite tricky, and most of the class is catching on quite nicely! If you find your child is struggling with this, please review the rhyming word families at home. We now have short a (_at, _an, _ad, _am, and _ap), short i (_it, _ip, _in, and _ig), and will introduce short o (_op, _ot, _og, and _ob) in two weeks. Strength in this skill builds confidence in reading and makes learning more fun.

This week in reading, the big book, *I Love Bugs!* is a realistic fiction text. The children will talk about where to find different bugs, what some bugs do, and how some bugs move around. We will discuss and ask the question, "What clues help me figure out things the author does not tell me?"

We will also read *It Is the Wind*. This book, also a realistic fiction, tells about a little boy listening to all the sounds outside his window as he tries to sleep. He hears so many sounds. Finally, he hears the wind sighing, "good night, sleep tight," and he falls asleep.

The word wall words are **find** and **this**. **The spelling test is on Wednesday morning**. Mrs. Ferreira and I will continue to send home a sight word practice assignment the night before the weekly spelling test to help the children review the words. Again, it is amazing to see how well the class is doing! Thank you!

The letter of the week is **Gg**. We will identify words that begin with and end with the letter g sound. The grammar lesson for this week is proper nouns for places. The children will learn that names for places, such as St. Cecilia School, are always capitalized. We will continue to write a very short letter called a message. We will review that a message is written to tell someone a little bit of information. They include the name of the person you are writing to, a short message, and your name

under the message. The Decodable Readers are *Can You Find It?* and *Gig Pig*.

In math, we will be reinforcing place value with the numbers 17, 18, 19, and 20. Examples of this are: 17 is 1 bundle of ten and 7 ones and 20 is 2 bundles of ten and 0 ones.

There is a **Sports Dress Down Day on Tuesday, March 5th**, so please send in the coupon or \$3.00 if your child is dressing down.

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 6th. We will be attending **Mass at 8:30am** to celebrate Ash Wednesday. You are all welcome to attend.

During Lent, we will be concentrating on doing good deeds to be more like Jesus. Sharing, caring, and helping will be our theme. The children will be collecting beads to place on their "**good deed necklaces**" for every good deed they do. These good deeds can take place in school or at home. If your child does a good deed at home, please fill out the "good deed" coupon (there is one on each side) and return it to school after two deeds are completed. We are trying to save paper. We hope that each child will have a long beaded necklace at the end of this season. This is a tradition kindergarten has been doing during Lent. We really enjoy making and wearing our "**good deed necklaces**" on April 11th, the Thursday before April vacation.

Operation Rice Bowl is underway! During the season of Lent, please donate your loose change to those in need. Place the change in the Rice Bowls you received and return it to school on Holy Thursday. Thank you so much for helping!

Lifetouch pictures will be at school on Monday morning, March 11th. The children **do not** wear their uniforms for these spring pictures. Please send in your completed order form on picture day if you wish to choose your background.

Mrs. Ferreira sent home the **Scholastic Book Flyers** before vacation. If you are planning to order books, please place your order on or before Wednesday, March 13th. Thank you.

We hope many dads and daughters will be able to attend the **Father-Daughter Dance** at the Providence Marriott Hotel on March 14th at 6:00pm. The cost is \$46.00 per couple and \$19.00 for each additional child. It is always a wonderful event that builds special memories.

The **St. Cecilia's 8th Grade Class** is sponsoring a fundraiser. Take a bus trip to **Foxwoods Resort and Casino** on Saturday, April 13th from 2:30pm-11pm. The cost is \$40.00 per person and includes the bus ride to and from Foxwoods, a Keno voucher, the Foxwoods Buffet, and a light snack on the bus. See the flyer that was in your child's folder for more details.

Just a reminder: You have received a **registration packet** for the upcoming school year in your child's folder. If your child is returning to St. Cecilia School next year, please return the completed forms, along with your registration fee in your child's folder or bring it directly to the school office. Thank you.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira