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Dear Families,

What a terrific time we had today at Adam's Farm! The hayride, corn maze, and feeding the animals were fun and exciting. Learning about how pumpkins and apples grow was very interesting. We were able to bring home a pumpkin and apple! It turned out to be a great day!

Please bring in your item for the **Harvest Mix on Monday if you have not donated yet**. We will be doing this activity in the afternoon. Thank you.

During the next few weeks, we'll discuss the theme **Show and Tell**. Real and fictional characters will help us learn about sights and sounds, as well as shapes and movement. We will talk about the idea, "Books help us learn new things."

This week in reading, the big book, *My Five Senses*, is an informational text. We'll ask the question, "How are the five senses the same and how are they different?" We will read about our senses and how we use them, sometimes without even knowing it!

We'll also read *Listen, Listen*, a concept book about the many sounds we hear in autumn, winter, spring, and summer. We will discuss the sounds of animals and other things we hear during each season.

The word wall words are **see** and **friend**. The letter of the week is **Aa**. We will be focusing on the sound Aa makes, naming, writing, and drawing pictures of words that begin with that sound. Sensory words, (sweet, bright, loud, buzz, etc.) will be explored. We will incorporate these words in our sentences to begin descriptive writing.

The Decodable Readers are *Aa*, a picture story, and *I See*. Again, as your child reads this book to you, have him or her point to each word as it is read.

Many of you already review the work we do in school at home, and we do appreciate it very much. It helps your child tremendously and is so important at this age and level. Please continue to review all papers that go home with your child. Ask them to explain what the paper is all about. For example, in phonics,

review letter sounds and words that begin with that sound. Challenge your child to think of words that end with that sound. The children are beginning to sound out words and write sentences independently. Their confidence level will increase with more practice, and you will see a dramatic improvement very quickly. It is so important to reinforce the concepts we do at school in a different environment.

In math, the children will discuss the properties of a square, rectangle, and circle. They will identify the sides and corners of each shape. A corner is where two sides meet. Also, we will combine and separate two-dimensional figures. One question we will be answering is, "How many triangles can we combine to make a hexagon?" We will use felt shapes to help them answer this question.

This week's chapter in religion is "Ordinary Time". It is a chapter focusing on the Saints. Jesus' friends lived their lives loving God, and they are called Saints.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the **Parent/Teacher Conferences** on Tuesday, November 8th, from 8:00am to 3:10pm. Each conference is 15 minutes long and will be in person, parents only. A note with your scheduled time will be in your child's folder on November 3rd.

On Tuesday, November 30th, you will be receiving your child's **Report Card**, as well as the results of the Early Literacy Renaissance Star Assessment in your child's folder.

Have a great week!

Thank you,
Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira