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Dear Families,

It was so nice to see so many families during **Parent/Teacher Conferences**. We enjoyed speaking to all of you. As you have heard me say many times, "They are wonderful children" and it is easy to see why!

The Saint Cecilia School will be collecting Thanksgiving items for the Food Pantry beginning on Monday, November 14th, and concluding on Friday, November 18th. Each class will be keeping track of how many non-perishable food items they collect. **The class with the most items will receive a one special dress-down day. Go Kindergarten!!** If the entire school collects 1000 items, all grades will receive a free dress-down day. 2000 items will give us 2 dress-down days! Please be as generous as you can. So many people need our help at this time of year!!

Keep an eye out for **Mr. Turkey**. He will be hiding in your child's folder on Monday, November 14th! Please enjoy this fun activity with your child. **It is not a coloring page.** You can use any crafty materials or artistic flairs to decorate the picture to disguise the turkey so no one can tell who he is. The children get so excited to display their own turkey in the classroom and to see what other children create!! Return this project on Monday, November 21st, so the children can present them to the class. **Please do not send it in earlier** so we can view each other's at the same time.

In reading, the big book, *Mice Squeak, We Speak*, is a realistic fiction text. We'll read about animal and human communication, and ask the question, "How can I learn about the characters in a story?" An activity you might try at home is to play a compare and contrast game. Ask your child to choose some favorite animals and tell what they do differently from people. For example, say, "We talk, but dogs bark." Take turns making up sentences. You could also ask your child what it might be like to be an animal such as a mouse. How would it be different from being a person? How would it be the same? This activity would spark discussion!

We will also read, *Amelia's Show and Tell Fiesta*, another realistic fiction text. A little girl, named Amelia, decides to wear her fiesta dress for show and tell. When she sees what her classmates have brought into school, she feels foolish. Once she begins telling the class about her fiesta dress, she feels right at home!

The word wall words are **we** and **at**. The letter of the week is **Tt**. We will be focusing on the sound Tt makes, naming, writing, and drawing pictures of words that begin with that sound. Sensory words, as well as descriptive sentences will be reviewed. The Decodable Readers are *Tt*, a picture story, and *We Like Tt*. As your child reads this book to you, have him or her point to each word as it is read.

In math, we will create our own patterns. The Chapter 2 test will be given on Friday. We will review all two and three-dimensional shapes. Please have your child find shapes around the house that are real objects. Examples of these are: a tissue box is a rectangular prism or cube; a can of soup is a cylinder, etc.

The religion lesson is *God Made Us*. We will learn that God made everyone special, and He loves everyone.

Mrs. Ferreira sent home Scholastic book flyers. If you are ordering **Scholastic Books**, please place your order on or before Wednesday, November 30th, so we can receive the Christmas books before vacation. Thank you.

On November 18th, we are planning to go to the Christmas Bazaar in the Church Hall. The Bazaar will be opened two hours in the morning for only St. Cecilia students. Your child will be able to browse or purchase items at this time. Please send money in an envelope or a plastic Zip-loc bag with your child's name on it so we easily keep track of your child's purchases. The children really enjoy this festive occasion and it's a great deal of fun.

Lifetouch Pictures will be at St. Cecilia School, Monday, November 21st, for retakes or any child that was absent. If you would like to have your child's picture retaken, you must send in the original package with your pictures that day. Please remember to have your child wear their school uniform, not their gym uniform, if they have their picture taken.

Saint Cecilia School is sponsoring a fundraiser on Monday, November 14th, at **Spumoni's Restaurant**, 1537 Newport Avenue, Pawtucket, RI. Tel.401-726-4449. Present the flier that was in your child's folder upon dining in or ordering takeout and Spumonis will donate 20% of your check total. Thank you for participating.

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