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Dear Families,

February vacation is here! When we come back to school, March will be "in like a lion" and hopefully "out like a lamb". We are all looking forward to spring.

In reading, the big book, *Sheep Take a Hike*, is a fantasy text. The children will read about all the mishaps some sheep encounter on their hike, how they get lost, and how they find their way home. The children will discuss and answer the question, "What causes events in a story to happen?"

We will also read *Nicky and the Rainy Day*. This book, also a fantasy, talks about a rainy day that keeps Nicky and his siblings from going out to play. Nicky is bored and asks his mother if they can go to several impossible places. She does suggest going out on a walk after the rain stops. On their walk, they see a big rainbow. Nicky wants to go to the rainbow. His mother tells him that is impossible, but they try anyway!

The word wall words are **go** and **for**. **There will be a spelling test on Thursday**. The letter of the week is **Dd**. We will identify words that begin with the letter d sound. The grammar lesson for this week is using verbs in the past tense. We will review verbs tell what people, animals, and things do. Sometimes we want to talk about something that has already happened and to do this, we change the verb. Today, the sheep hike in the country. Yesterday, the sheep hiked in the country. The children will also be writing stories. They will learn that sometimes people write stories that are true. They write about things that really have happened to them. When writing these stories, authors use the word, "I."

In math, we will be reinforcing place value with the numbers 19 through 25. Examples of this are: 19 is 1 bundle of ten and 9 ones and 25 is 2 bundles of ten and 5 ones.

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22nd. Our religion lesson will focus on this season. 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 both sides are completed. 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 Tuesday, April 4th.

Operation Rice Bowl will begin after vacation! 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!

Assessments will continue this week for the upcoming report card. Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, March 15th. Mrs. Ferreira and I are very proud of this class. They are working very hard!

Just a reminder: **Registration packets are online** for the upcoming school year. If your child is returning to St. Cecilia School next year, please complete the online form and it will automatically be sent to Mrs. Ventura. Please send the 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