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Dear Parents,

During the week of March 1st-5th the elementary schools of the Archdiocese of Newark will be administering the *TerraNova, 3rd Edition* as part of the Archdiocese's standardized testing program. This test is closely aligned to our curriculum and the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. In addition, The *TerraNova, 3rd Edition* provides the most accurate and current national norms that measure the achievement of our students.

For our Kindergarten parents, as mentioned in a December correspondence, we will now include the TerraNova Assessment as one of the tools in preparing our children as they head toward the challenges of first grade in September 2010. TerraNova is an instrument used by the Archdiocese and public schools. Combined with your child's reports and the teacher's feedback, it will help us guide our first grade teacher to prepare the program that will best benefit your child's education.

Students generally do their best in class and on standardized tests when they have adequate rest and nutrition. Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep each night and has a nutritious breakfast each morning. Remind your child(ren) to take the test seriously and do their best.

Beginning March 8th we will have **Dr. Seuss Reading and Fun Week**. Our school is going to have various reading and educational activities in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday (March 3).

Our HSA is busy preparing for **Tricky Tray** on March 19. Baskets are now past due, but we are still accepting latecomers. This is the school's biggest fund-raiser, and we need your support! Please help us to make our Tricky Tray a success. Many thanks to our hardworking HSA officers and members for their continuous support to our school.

Our second parent-teacher conference will be held on March 19. Report cards will be distributed on Thursday, March 18. As needed, there will be conferences on Friday, March 19 from 12:30 until 3:00 p.m. **Students will be dismissed at noon that day.** You will be notified by your child's teacher if it is necessary for you to come for a conference. Of course, you can request a conference yourself if you feel it is necessary.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maritess Kaminski, Ed.S.
Principal