Dear Families:

Today, your child explored the concept of patterning by making bead necklaces. Patterns are an important foundational concept for math and reading and form the basics of algebraic and mathematical thought.

To start our lesson today, we read a book about patterns titled *What’s Next, Nina?* After reading the book, we made necklaces using pattern cards to guide us in creating patterns. Some of the children made their own necklace patterns afterwards.

Ask your child to show you patterns with items at home such as pasta shapes or a variety of small plastic animals. You can even take a walk with your child and search for patterns in the environment around you!

Happy pattern hunting!