Dear Families:

This week, we are working on measurement. We introduced the children to a balance scale that can be used to weigh and measure small objects.

We used Bear Family Counters to explore the concepts of big and small. The children made predictions about how much the bears weighed and then conducted their own experiments measuring and weighing the bears.

We used words like “big, small, predict and estimate” to talk about this activity. The children will incorporate these words into their regular vocabulary if we repeat these words, so we plan on using them a lot in the coming weeks. As your children encounter new mathematical concepts, we will introduce new vocabulary words that support these concepts.

You can find like objects in your home and make comparisons about them. Ask your child: “Which one is bigger? Do you think it will weigh more?” Then try to answer these questions to continue the learning at home.

Happy measuring!