Dear Families:

Today, your child participated in an introductory lesson about money. We looked at and identified the various attributes of pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. Having money and learning about currency is an important life skill⎯and it’s never too soon to start teaching your child about money and money management. Here are a few fun and easy ways to teach your child about money:

* **Introduce your child to money**. When your child is old enough to count, take an active role in teaching him or her about currency such as pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollar bills. Have your child do some simple math with money, including adding and subtracting. When your child gets older, you can introduce new concepts and transactions.
* **Teach by example**. Teaching your child about money is much easier when you have mastered the art of money management. Children are smart, and they know when a parent sets a good example. Your child won't listen to a word you say if your money-management skills are poor, so learn all you can about budgeting, saving, investing, reducing expenses and eliminating debt. When you're armed with knowledge, you are better able to teach your child.

We will continue to explore the many aspects of money. But, for now, the children are having fun identifying currency and using money in role-playing situations.

Thank you for your support!