Dear Families:

Today, your child learned about patterns. After sorting Fruit Loops cereal into groups by color, the children created patterns and strung the cereal onto pipe cleaners. Then we talked about the different patterns that the children created.

Our goal with this activity was to teach the children to recognize patterns, extend them and then generate their own patterns. Learning about patterns by using various objects will help your child recognize patterns in other areas of math in the future.

At home, you can practice recognizing patterns and creating patterns using various items. You can begin by creating a pattern and then asking your child to help you continue it. Use items such as Goldfish crackers, pretzels, cereal or coins. You can even use socks and other personal belongings to create patterns.

Happy patterning!