Dear Families:

We have been working a lot with length and width this week. Using both standard and nonstandard units of measure, the children measured the kitchen table, the chairs, the rug and several outdoor areas. We used our feet, our hands and links as nonstandard measuring tools. We also used standard units of measurement such as rulers and tape measures.

When talking about the size of things with your child, use vocabulary words such as **length**, **width** and **units of measure**. Also, be sure to help your child count the units of measurement out loud, so that he or she can continue to work on counting skills.

Help your child practice these skills by measuring things around the house. Using your child’s feet as a measurement tool, have your child estimate how many feet long his or her bed is. Then count how many foot lengths it actually takes to span the length of the bed. You can even use your own feet to measure the bed and compare the results.

Happy measuring!