Dear Families:

Today, we constructed different shapes out of foam craft sticks and then identified the attributes of each shape. For example, we used eight sticks to build an octagon and then reasoned that octagons have eight sides. We also identified objects that are shaped like an octagon, such as stop signs.

We will continue to explore shapes, compare different shapes and talk about how shapes are used. By learning about shapes, your child is building skills that will pave the way for later math learning, as well as reading and writing. Shape identification and recognition can also help your child understand signs and symbols.

You can reinforce these skills at home by talking with your child about the shapes of various toys or other objects around the house or yard. Shape puzzles are another way to reinforce shape recognition and help your child develop visual-spatial skills, as well as problem-solving and reasoning skills.

Happy shape hunting!