Dear Families:

Today we played a sorting game that helped the children identify even and odd numbers. Identifying even and odd numbers is an important skill that children will need throughout their math education. This skill will help prepare them to learn about division, prime numbers and even square roots.

To identify a number as odd or even, you can divide items into two groups. We used small, colored bears for this activity. If the items can be divided into two equal groups, then the number is **even**. If the items cannot be divided equally, the number is **odd**. Have your child practice splitting even and odd numbers of items into two groups. You can also encourage your child to look for even and odd numbers of items around the house or in the yard.

Happy sorting!