Dear Families:

Today, we learned some directional wordsthat relate to mathematics. Directional wordsare essentially prepositions that allow children to communicate the directions in which they travel.

As we read the book, *Over, Under, Through*, we incorporated the following words into our mathematic vocabulary: **under**, **over**, **through** and **around**. There are many more directional words, and we will continue to build our directional vocabulary.

Being able to use directional words enhances your child’s ability to follow and give directions and to use language precisely. Encourage your child to use directional words when describing how he or she travels from one place to another. Ask leading questions such as: “Did you travel **around** the block? Did the car go **under** the chair?” Then model the responses by answering with directional vocabulary: “We went **through** the tunnel. Let’s ride our bikes **around** the block.”

Have fun while building your child’s directional vocabulary!