Dear Families:

Today, we used UNO cards to play a number sequencing game called *Up, Down or Stay the Same*. This relatively simple game helps build children’s number sense as they identify the numbers that come before and after the number on a given card.

Children love playing card games⎯and many math card games can be very productive learning activities. Math games can help children develop a positive attitude towards math by reducing their fear of making a mistake or failing.

Math card games that introduce and reinforce skills also allow children to operate at different levels of thinking and to learn from one another. One child in a group might be encountering a concept for the first time, while another may be developing his or her understanding of the concept.

Be sure to explore the many math games that you can play with a deck of cards.

Happy card playing!