Dear Families:

Today we learned about sets and sharing these sets equally among our friends. We cut up apples and oranges into sets of four and shared the slices, so that each of our friends got a slice.

Fractions are a very important part of math. We use fractions frequently in our daily lives⎯often without even realizing it⎯ as we divide up a workload, plan and cook a meal or cut a cake or a pizza into equal shares. When we look at a clock to determine the time, we are using fractions: half past the hour, a quarter to the hour, and so on.

Let your child help in the kitchen to reinforce the concept of fractions. Measuring ingredients, dividing quantities in half and cutting cakes or casseroles into equal shares are all fun activities that will help build a solid mathematical foundation for your child.

Have fun with your fractions!