Dear Families:

Today we worked on skip counting by twos. We read the book *Mrs. McTats and Her Houseful of Cats* and counted cats that came in pairs to live with Mrs. McTats.

We then practiced counting by counting cats by twos and adding them to our work mats. Skip counting helps your child develop number sense and is the basis for multiplication and division. We will continue to revisit this skill, increasing the numbers and skip counting by fives and tens.

There are many ways to reinforce skip counting at home. Counting pennies in a piggy bank is a fun and engaging way help your child practice this skill. Dump the pennies out on a table and count them by twos, fives and tens.

Often, it is a good idea to have a goal in mind before you start to count. Say: “We need 42 pennies for a lollipop.” Then count out the pennies and then decide if you have enough to buy a lollipop.

Happy counting!