Dear Families:

Today, we played a game called Circles and Bears*.* We created sets of equal numbers and then counted the items in the sets to get the total number. For example, the children would create four sets of three bears and then count all of the bears to get a total number of 12.

Creating sets of equal numbers is the pre-multiplication skill of skip counting. Skip counting helps your child count things quickly and eventually helps with multiplication tables.

To reinforce this skill at home, simply practice skip counting. Start small with twos and threes and then move on to friendly numbers such as fives and tens. This will help create a solid foundation for your child to build on once he or she is ready to tackle multiplication.

Thank you for your continued support!