Dear Families:

Today, your child had fun combining shapes to form larger shapes. We created shape pictures out of crackers in geometric shapes.

First, we read the book, *Mouse Shapes*. In this story, three mice move shapes around to create larger shapes to hide from a cat. After we finished the book, the children sorted crackers of various shapes into individual bowls and used the crackers to complete the shape patterns on pattern cards. At the end of the activity, the children ate these yummy shape pictures as a snack.

Tonight, ask your child: “Do you remember the picture that you made with the crackers? Do you remember the shapes that you used in your picture?” (I photographed the children’s shape pictures before the crackers were eaten, and I will send a photo of your child’s shape picture home soon.)

Meanwhile, you can continue today’s lesson at home. Cut out circles, triangles, squares and rectangles of similar sizes and encourage your child to use these shapes to build larger shapes and pictures.

Happy shape building!