Dear Families:

Today, we learned some **directional words** that relate to mathematics. **Directional words** are essentially prepositions that allow children to communicate positions in the classroom and in the world.

As we categorized and sorted various direction pictures, we incorporated the following words into our mathematics vocabulary: **diagonal**, **horizontal** and **vertical**. There are many more directional words, and we will continue to build your child’s vocabulary.

Being able to use **directional words** enhances your child’s ability to follow and give directions and use language precisely. Encourage your child to use **directional words** when describing where objects are located or where your child is in relation to other objects. Ask leading questions, such as: “Where is the book?” Then model the response by answering with **directional** vocabulary, such as: “The book is diagonal from the pencil.”

Be creative. Opportunities to expand your child’s directional vocabulary are all around you!