Dear Families:

Today, we got our classroom organized by counting some of our manipulatives. We counted our blocks, our snap cubes and other plentiful objects. We dumped the objects onto the floor in piles. But, instead of counting these piles individually, we decided to use grouping and skip counting to count our objects more efficiently. We counted by twos, fives and tens⎯making a job that seemed laborious and daunting at the outset easier by skip counting.

Skip counting is an efficient math skill that aids in the fluency of calculations and forms the basis for multiplication and division. There are many rhymes⎯such as “Two, four, six, eight, meet me at the garden gate”⎯that you can practice at home to reinforce our skip-counting lesson. You can also make piles containing the same number of items and then have your child skip count by the number of items in the groups. For instance, make four piles of two objects, and then skip count by twos.

Have fun skip counting!