Dear Families:

Today we went on a shape hunt. We read the book, *The Secret Birthday Message*,and decoded the secret message in the book. We then went on our own hunt to find various shapes around the classroom. We found stars and windows in the shape of squares. We even discovered that our meeting rug is in the shape of an oval. We found shapes everywhere!

We will continue to talk about shapes, comparing them and understanding how they are used. By learning about shapes, your child is building skills that will help with math, as well as reading and writing. Shape identification and recognition can also help your child understand signs and symbols.

These skills can be reinforced at home by talking with your child about the shapes of toys or other objects around your house, yard or neighborhood. You can also introduce your child to shape puzzles, which reinforce shape recognition and help build other cognitive skills such as visual-spatial relationships, problem solving and reasoning skills.

Happy shape hunting!