Dear Families:

Today, we looked at things that come in sets of twos (eyes and ears), threes (stoplights and the Three Little Pigs) and fours (the wheels on a car and the legs on a dog).

This ability to identify sets of numbers is the foundation of multiplication. Creating sets of equal numbers is the pre-multiplication skill of skip counting. Skip counting helps children count things quickly and later helps them with their multiplication tables.

To reinforce this skill with your child 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 to create a solid foundation that your child can build on when he or she is ready to start learning multiplication.

Happy skip counting!