Dear Families:

Today we read the book, *When a Line Ends, a Shape Begins*. We then used lines (pipe cleaners) to recreate the shapes discussed in the book. We created stars, crescents and hearts, as well as other traditional shapes such as triangles, squares and circles. The children loved identifying the shapes, talking about their attributes and finding shapes in their everyday surroundings.

We will continue to talk about shapes; compare shapes and discuss how shapes are used. By learning about shapes, the children are building skills that will help them with math, as well as reading and writing. Shape identification and recognition will also help them understand signs and symbols.

You can reinforce these skills at home by talking with your child about the shapes of toys or other objects around your house, yard or neighborhood. You can also play with shape puzzles to strengthen your child’s shape-recognition skills, visual-spatial relationship skills, problem-solving skills and reasoning skills.

Happy shape hunting!