Dear Families:

Today, we used a nonstandard unit of measurement⎯plastic worms in different colors⎯ to measure various items around the classroom. The worms also came in different sizes, so each worm measurement yielded different results. For example, the width of the table measured 18 blue worms or 11 yellow worms. After the measuring activity, the children recorded and compared their results.

You can reinforce this lesson at home by using vocabulary words such as **length** and **width** and **units of measure** when talking about the size of things with your child. Be sure to count the units of measurement out loud together, so that your child can continue to work on counting skills.

It can be fun to measure things around the house, especially things that are not obvious. Count how many of your child’s foot lengths it takes to span the couch or the bed. You can then use your own feet as a unit of measurement and compare the measurements.

Happy measuring!