Dear Families,

While schools remain closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic, I will continue to provide you with activities and suggestions that can be done at home to promote your child's continued learning.

The new unit of study that would have stated on Monday, April 27, 2020, is the study of *Balls.*

As you know, young children are interested in playing with balls. They like to play with a variety of balls for a variety of purposes.

Start your at home Balls study by collecting all of the different types of balls at your house. These can include, but are not limited to; baseballs, basketballs, footballs, golf balls, cotton balls, beach balls, volley balls, soccer balls, ping-pong balls, tennis balls  and bowling balls.

If you don't actually have a large collection of balls, look for pictures in magazines, or on the Internet.

Engage in conversations that require your child to think about what each ball is used for, made out of and if it will bounce or not.  Be sure to include as many details/adjectives as you can when describing each ball. As you repeat this process, extend the  vocabulary to include where you would use each ball. For example, you would use a bowling bowl at the bowling alley. Include other equipment that is used with the ball. For example, a baseball glove is used to catch a baseball.

When throwing, catching or bouncing a ball, have your child count each action, to determine how many times he or she can do the required skill. This simple activity provides exercise, movement and math skills all in one!

When walking or driving in the neighborhood look for balls, or places where balls can be found. For example, a tennis court is a place where you could find tennis balls.

Don't forget to include fun things like gum balls and meatballs.

Most importantly, have fun and enjoy watching your child learn and grow.

Sincerely,