Dear Families,

 We have noticed that the children are very interested in balls. They’re curious about different kinds of balls, how people use balls, what they are made of, what is inside them, and how high they bounce. WE think balls will make and interesting study.

If you can, we would like your help in gathering a collection of balls to investigate. We’ll need many different types of balls. Here’s a list of suggestions, but you may also send in balls that are not on the list. We’ll take good care of them so we can return them to you at the end of the study

Racquet Balls

Soccer Balls

Tennis Ball

Volleyball

WIFFLE ball

Football

Golf ball

Kickball

KOOSH Ball

Marble

Ping-Pong Balls

Billiard balls

Baseball

Basketballs

Beach ball

Bowling ball

Cotton ball

Crystal ball

Doggie ball

As we study balls we will learn concepts and skills literacy, math, social studies, the arts, and technology. We will also use thinking skills to investigate, ask questions, solve problems, make predictions, and test our ideas.

**What You Can Do At Home**

Spend time with your child, playing with balls of all shapes, types, and sizes, such as playground balls, tennis balls, ping-pong balls, KOOSH balls, volleyballs, baseballs, footballs and marbles. Tal about what the balls are made of, whether they are heavy or light, and whether they are big or little.

Wonder aloud with your child to encourage his or her thinking and balls. For example, you might ask, “I wonder what’s inside a tennis ball. I wonder how far you can throw a foil ball, a beach ball or a tennis ball. How can we find out?”

See how many types of balls you can find around the house and in your neighborhood. Thank you for playing an important role in our learning.