Dear Families,

 We recently noticed that the children are very interested in clothes. They talk about clothes, put them on and take them off, compare clothes, and add clothing details to their drawings. We think clothes will make an interesting study.

 We need your help to gather a collection of clothes to investigate. We need clothes of all sizes, types, colors and fabrics. Here’s a list of suggestions, but you may also send in clothes that are not on the list. Please label the clothes with your name so we can return them to you are the end of our study. We promise to take good care of them!

Jackets, coats, parkas

Windbreakers, raincoats

Ponchos, suit coats

Blazers, vests, sweaters

Sweatshirts, T-Shirts

Turtlenecks, work shirts

Dress shirts, blouses

Old fashioned clothes,

Costumes, uniforms

And more

Flannel shirts, jeans

Trousers, pants, skirts

Dresses, shorts, pajamas

Bathrobes, neckties, bow ties

Bandanas, scarves

Belts, sashes, suspenders

Gloves, mittens, socks

Tights, shoes, boots,

Sandals, bathing suits,

Exercise clothes

As we study clothes, we will learn concepts and skills in literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, the arts, and technology. We’ll also use thinking skills to investigate, ask questions, solve problems, make predictions, and test our ideas.

**What You Can Do at Home**

Talk with your child about clothes. Examine fabrics together and discuss how the clothes were made. Look at the labels to find our where the clothes are made and identify the fabric. Look at pictures from the past and note how the clothing differs from clothing today.

Teach your child to stitch. Use a large plastic needle and yarn, make stitches on burlap or felt.

When you shop for clothes, help your child notice how clothes are organized in the store and offer a simple explanation of how you compare prices

Thank you for playing and significant role in our learning!