Dear Families:

Today, we went for a walk in the neighborhood to practice observing and documenting what we notice in our community. The children practiced their observation skills, which will be important for future early science explorations and investigations.

Some of the children noticed different types of plants that they could see, while others noted different kinds of animals that live in the neighborhood.

Then we discussed what we might do next with our observations. We have many directions for scientific investigations that we will be discussing in the week to come—all from a simple walk around the neighborhood.

Practice observational skills with your child at home. Ask your child to guess objects that you can see and provide clues to help your child practice observational skills as he or she identifies the colors, shapes or sounds of certain items in your neighborhood. This could be done while taking a walk, while playing in the park or even while traveling on a bus, on a train or in the car.

Have fun observing and exploring your neighborhood!