Dear Families:

This past week, the children have been discussing rain and noticing puddles outside after it rains. We discussed where the water in these puddles goes and the children shared their ideas.

Based on this interest, we decided to do an experiment with water in the classroom to see what happens to water over several days. We filled a jar with water and the children marked the level of the water. The children then made predictions about what would happen to the water if we left it out by the window.

Each day this week, we have been observing the water jar and marking the water level and noticing that the water level has been going down. Based on this experiment, we have been discussing evaporation, and the children have been sharing their experiences and ideas about how water might change into a vapor. The children also shared ideas around steamy water and made connections to how water evaporates.

At home, you can perform the same experiment with your child and continue this discussion about evaporation. Pour some water into a clear jar and mark the level of the water. Every day or two, look at the jar and mark the current water level. Ask your child to predict what might happen and explain why he or she made this prediction.

Happy experimenting!