Dear Families:

Today, we used a recipe to make pancakes in the classroom. As we prepared the pancake batter, we observed and discussed what would happen when we mixed different ingredients together. The children made predictions about what might happen. As we continued with the recipe, we found out which predictions were correct.

We made predictions about what would happen when we combined dry and wet ingredients, when we mixed everything together and when we cooked the pancakes. The children explained their predictions and then discussed what had happened during the process. This process allowed the children to observe the different properties of matter as we combined ingredients to create a wet mixture for the pancake batter and as the batter changed into cooked pancakes.

You can include your child in cooking activities at home and pay attention to what happens when the ingredients are mixed and when the food is cooked. Ask your child what he or she sees and what predictions he or she may have at different steps in the cooking process.

Have fun cooking!