Dear Families:

Today we were busy building with boxes. We read the book, *It’s Not a Box*,by Antoinette Portis. The children discussed the different things that they could make with a box. After our discussion, the children drew designs that they thought might be possible with the boxes that were provided.

During the design process, we followed the same techniques that real engineers do. The children came up with ideas, drew them out, used the boxes to build their designs and then tested them to see how they worked. The children used their boxes to create castles, race cars, houses, boats and more.

Save your boxes and see what your child can create at home. Ask your child how boxes of different sizes might change that design. Add paper-towel cores and toilet-paper cores to the design to stimulate new ideas and extend the play.

Enjoy watching your child’s imagination and engineering skills take flight!