Dear Families:

Wind and weather have been popular topics this month because we have been spending a lot more time outside. This is a great opportunity for the children to use their five senses as they explore the topic of wind.

Wind is simply moving air. Sometimes we can see it blowing through trees or grass. When a very light breeze is blowing, we don’t even notice the wind unless we look up at the clouds or the tops of the trees and see the clouds moving or the branches swaying.

Today, I introduced an art project to create even more opportunities for experimentation with wind and force. We used pipettes to transfer droplets of paint onto paper plates. We then blew on the paint with straws and observed that the paint would travel farther if we blew harder. We also used different paint colors and blew them together to create a third color.

These simple cause-and-effect experiments help lay the foundation for later science learning. As children investigate, they gain knowledge that enhances their understanding of the world through a process known as scientific inquiry.

Discuss the “wind painting” that your child brought home. Ask questions such as: “How did you create the painting? Why did the paint move in that direction? What did you do to make the colors blend?”

Enjoy your little scientist’s artwork!