Dear Families:

Last Friday, we conducted a combined art class and science experiment. We began by letting your child create a design by squeezing glue onto card stock. We then sprinkled salt on top of the glue and left it to dry over the weekend.

Today, we used paint brushes and watercolors to paint our salt drawings. We observed how the colors spread as they were absorbed by the grains of salt.

The salt absorbs or soaks up the water through a chemical action. This was a great visual example of a chemical reaction, as well as a hands-on opportunity for the children to learn about absorption as they transformed their white glue drawings into colorful designs.

You can conduct the same experiment with your child at home and continue this discussion about absorption. Encourage your child to try drawing shapes or the first letter of his or her name.

Have fun creating art while discovering the magic of absorption with your child!