Unit 3

Dear Families,

We are starting Unit 3 of the Connect4Learning® program. This unit focuses on how tools and structures work, and how to make or do things! We will explore the following topics and skills:

- **Science:**
  - » Exploring forms and functions of objects through experiments, games, and activities
  - » Observing shapes and uses of objects and how they move
- **Math:**
  - » Increasing counting skills and learning the plus-one pattern
  - » Quickly recognizing a small quantity without having to count
  - » Duplicating and extending patterns
  - » Adding to and subtracting from patterns
  - » Learning how 2-D shapes become 3-D shapes and comparing their features
- **Literacy:**
  - » Reading and writing how-to texts, which explain how to make or do something
  - » Exploring sequences of events to explain a process
  - » Learning more letters, rhyming words, and beginning sounds in words
  - » Making informed guesses based on what children already know

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- **Social and Emotional Skills:**
  - » Recognizing feelings and their causes in themselves and others
  - » Talking about anger and learning good ways to calm down when angry

By the end of this unit, we will have made one set of toys for ourselves and one set for another group of children!

What you can do:

- Observe how things move, and notice tools around you.
- Use words such as *slide*, *roll*, *function*, *structure*, *design*, *materials*, *straight*, and *curved*.
- Help your child recognize quantities in small sets of objects without having to count them.
- Point out feelings and ways to calm down with strong emotions.
- Log in to the online portal: https://platform.connect4learning.com/user

Sincerely,