## From the Counseling Office

Dear Families,

This month in <u>Pre-K</u>, we learned about joining in. To join in playing with someone, we learned that we need to follow three steps:

- 1. Move closer
- 2. Watch
- 3. Ask, "Can I join you, please?".

Then we practiced joining into different play centers.

## Engage your child by asking:

- ★ What are the steps you take when joining in?
- ★ What can you say to someone if you want to play with them?

This month in <u>Kindergarten</u>, <u>1st grade</u>, and <u>2nd grade</u>, we learned about problem solving. We learned the four steps to solving a problem:

- S say the problem
- T think of solutions
- E explore consequences
- P pick the best solution

## Engage your child by asking:

- ★ Ask your kindergartener about how they would solve the problem if they forgot their lunch at home.
- ★ Ask your first grader about why they need to think about more than one way they can solve a problem.
- ★ Ask your second grader about how they would solve a problem if they were arguing with a friend.

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