What We’re Learning
During the next few weeks, our math class will be learning about fractions and decimals.
You can expect to see work that provides practice with comparing and ordering fractions, mixed numbers, and decimals. As we learn how to compare and order fractions, you may wish to use these samples as a guide.

Vocabulary
- **numerator** The number above the bar in a fraction.
- **denominator** The number below the bar in a fraction.
- **equivalent fractions** Fractions that show the same amount.
- **improper fraction** A fraction whose numerator is greater than or equal to its denominator.
- **mixed number** A number that has a whole number part and a fraction part.

Guiding Your Child

**Ordering Fractions**
To order unit fractions, compare denominators. Fractions with greater denominators are the lesser fractions.

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\frac{1}{6} < \frac{1}{4} < \frac{1}{2}
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To order fractions with the same denominators, compare numerators. Fractions with greater numerators are the greater fractions.

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\frac{1}{6} < \frac{3}{6} < \frac{5}{6}
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Knowing about fractions and decimals will help students solve problems involving these kinds of numbers.

Sincerely,
Your Child’s Teacher