Dear Family,

Your child will be learning about geometry throughout the school year. This first unit is about a group of geometric figures called quadrilaterals, which get their name because they have four (quad-) sides (-lateral). Four different kinds of quadrilaterals are shown here.

In this unit, your child will also learn the difference between perimeter and area. Area drawings help children to understand multi-digit multiplication.

For example:

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4 \times 26 = 104
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80 + 24 = 104
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We urge you to encourage regular home practice of the basic multiplications and divisions. We will return to more of them in about a week. Later in the year, we will be learning about both multi-digit multiplication and multi-digit division.

If you have any questions or comments, please call or write to me.

Sincerely,

Your child’s teacher