



Dear Family:

Thank you for sending coins to school with your child in a labeled envelope or plastic bag. Using real coins is very useful when learning about money.

Throughout the year, during the Daily Routines and in activities using Nickel Strips and Dime Strips, we have been helping your child build an understanding of pennies, nickels, and dimes. Now we are asking children to describe these coins, differentiate among them, and recognize their values. Children are also learning to count coin amounts.

You can help your child by asking him or her to sort pennies, nickels, and dimes. Then assist your child in counting the pennies by ones, the nickels by fives, and the dimes by tens. Practice counting up to one dollar for each type of coin.

You can have your child make extra coins by covering a real coin with paper and coloring over it. The surface of the coin will appear on the paper. Make sure your child makes some fronts and some backs for each type of coin. These can be cut out and used for the activities described above.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Sincerely,
Your child's teacher**