



Dear Family:

In the next two lessons, your child will be learning how to compare several measurable attributes of objects, including length, height, and weight. They will also learn how to compare the capacity of containers.

Your child will use the words *longer* and *shorter* to compare the lengths of two objects and the words *taller* and *shorter* to compare heights. You can help your child by practicing these comparisons at home. For example, while having a meal, you might ask your child which is taller, the table or the chair. If your child is drawing, you can ask him or her to compare the lengths of two different crayons. Young children have better success comparing length when the two objects are aligned, as shown here.



Your child will also be learning to compare weight and capacity. These comparisons may also be practiced at home. You might ask your child to hold a toy in each hand and say which is *heavier* and which is *lighter*. They will be shown that bigger does not always mean heavier. A pillow, for example, may be lighter than a book that is smaller.

Comparisons of capacity can be practiced at mealtime. You might ask your child to say which holds *more* and which holds *less*, the carton of milk or the drinking glass.

Sincerely,
Your child's teacher

