Dear Family,

We are starting a new unit called Positions, Patterns, and Classification. In Chapter 1, we will learn words to describe positions and work with patterns. In Chapter 2, we will sort and classify objects by color, size, shape, and kind.

Love, ______________________

Vocabulary

sort
To group objects together that are alike in some way.

position words
Words for locations such as top, bottom, up, down, inside, and outside.

pattern
Objects or numbers that repeat or grow according to a rule.

Vocabulary Activities

• Help your child sort household items such as socks or silverware. Have him or her tell the sorting rule.

• Use position words when playing “I Spy.” (I spy something on the middle shelf. It is red. What is it?)

• Let your child make and describe patterns with coins. (Penny, dime, penny, dime is an AB pattern.)

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Literature to Read Together

• Gray Rabbit's Odd One Out by Alan Baker (Kingfisher, 1995)

• More or Less a Mess by Sheila Keenan (Scholastic, 1997)

• Patterns: What Comes Next? by Michele Koomen (Bridgestone, 2001)