Dear Family,

I would like you to do something with your child that involves preparing food and subtraction. I would like you to start with 12 to 18 of an ingredient and then use 9 or less of that ingredient for what you are preparing. Then I would like you and your child to figure out how many of that ingredient you did not use. For example, you might be making a salad. You start with 15 tomatoes and use 7 of them in the salad. So you have 8 tomatoes left. I would like your child to make a picture of what you did and to write the subtraction sentence.

In class I will put the children in pairs, and each child will share his or her drawing with another child.

Your child needs to bring this to school by ____________________________.

(date)

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,