Dear Families, We had a very successful Pets Study, which included new, rich vocabulary, curiosity, hands-on activities and questioning. We are now ready to move on to our next study, Balls, which will begin on Monday, March 1, 2021. Through different class discussions, we have learned that many of us play different sports or have family members that do. We notice that the children are very interested in different types of balls. They're curious about different kinds of balls, how people use them, what they are made of, what is inside and how high they can bounce. We think balls will make an interesting study. During the Balls Study we will learn if all balls bounce/roll, what makes balls move, who uses balls and what balls are made of. To extend our study at home we are asking that you spend time with your child, playing with balls of all shapes, types and sizes, such as playground balls, tennis balls, ping-pong balls, volleyballs, baseballs, footballs and marbles. Talk about what the balls are made of, whether they are heavy, light, big or little. Wonder aloud with your child to encourage their thinking about balls. For example, you might ask, "I wonder what's inside a tennis ball?" Help your child use all of his or her senses when playing with balls and see how many types of balls you can find around the house or in your neighborhood. Our studies have been very successful especially with all of your help from home. We are looking forward to a fantastic study! Ms. Heather and Ms. Michele Class #2