

Dear Family,

In my class today we talked about banks and bankers and we did an experiment with water and coins.

Did You Know?

- In class, we are working on learning about community helpers. Your child is learning that banks are a special kind of business in our community. People who work in a bank have a variety of jobs. Bankers help us to save and manage our money. The bank teller is the person who greets you at the bank and helps you with deposits (putting money into your bank account) and withdrawals (taking money out of your bank account). As we learned about bankers and bank tellers, we did a science experiment with coins and water. We talked about how water clings to itself. Water drops like to cling to each other. When water is dropped on a surface, especially a smooth surface like a coin, the droplets gather together and stay on the surface. We experimented with placing drops of water on the coins. The water droplets held on to each other so tightly that they formed a tight surface and tried to stay on top of the coin.

Ask Your Child:

- What do the people at a bank do?
- What kind of experiment did you do at school today?
- What did you put on the coins?
- What happened when you put the water droplets on the coins?
- Which coin held the most water?

Activities To Do With Your Child:

- Gather any coins you may have in your home. Sit with your child and organize the coins. You can sort them into groups by name. You can count how many pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters you have. You can create patterns with the coins (ex. penny, nickel, penny, nickel, penny). You can stack them and see who can build the tallest tower.
- Take your child for a visit to your bank. Show your child how you make a deposit, or cash a check, or get change. Show your child around the bank and describe the different items and what they are for. Introduce your child to one of the bank tellers and ask if they can describe their job to your child. Can your child bring something home from the bank like a deposit slip or a pen? Let your child bring it to school and share it with us.

Vocabulary To Use With Your Child: bank, banker, coin, droplet, money, water