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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Today in your child's classroom, I read the book *Book Fiesta* by Pat Mora. This book celebrates reading and Children's Day which is on April 30th. The colorful pictures and playful language engage children and make reading a fun adventure for them.

The asset category for this book is Commitment to Learning. This category focuses on making learning fun and productive. Preschoolers need to feel challenged, but not overwhelmed. It is important to keep learning in balance with their interests and developmental abilities.

*Book Fiesta* especially emphasizes Asset 25-Early Literacy. One of the easiest and yet most important thing to do is to read out loud every day to your child. While you are reading interact with your child about the story. For three year olds, stop every page and ask about the picture: What do you see? or What color is that? For four and five year olds, read the story and ask questions before and after. Questions that ask why did that happen or what will happen next encourage thinking and language development.

**You can build the Commitment to Learning assets in your child by:**

- When your child does something new, state that you believe in her/him and you know she/he can do it.
- If your child becomes frustrated, keep calm and when they are calm offer to help.
- Read and reread your child's favorite books.
- Expose them to a variety of books-number, letters, rhymes, poems, riddles, stories, etc.
- Attend story times at libraries and book stores.
- Bring books to life! Make green eggs and ham when you read *Green Eggs and Ham*.
- Point out the connection between spoken and written numbers and words. Look for numbers/letters everywhere-phone, address, secret codes, road signs, in stores etc. Ask your child to name the number or letter.
- Look for words found in daily life such as the word "stop" on the stop sign.
- Ask questions about their day, "What book did the teacher read?" , "Who sat next to you at snack?", "What game did you play?"

If you would like more information about the Preschool/Transitional Kindergarten program, please contact me or visit the Project Cornerstone web site at [www.projectcornerstone.org](http://www.projectcornerstone.org).

Sincerely,

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