

Dear Family,

In my class today, we used flashlights to find out about daytime and nighttime.

Did You Know?

- The Sun looks like it is moving across the sky. The Sun does not move; it is the Earth that is moving.
- The Earth rotates, or spins, on its axis. The Earth's axis is an imaginary line from the North Pole to the South Pole of the Earth.
- As the Earth rotates, the Sun hits different parts of the Earth, giving us day and night.
- The half of the Earth that is facing the Sun is having day, and the half of the Earth that is not facing the Sun is having night.
- The Sun is the only star we can see during the day.

Ask Your Child:

- How did you use the flashlight to find out about day and night?
- Tell me what you see in the sky during the day.
- Tell me what you see in the sky at night.
- How is day different from night?
- What happens to the Sun at night?

Activities To Do With Your Child:

- Draw pictures of things you do together during the day and pictures of things you do together at night. Send the pictures to school with your child to share with the class.

Vocabulary To Use With Your Child:

- **Sun** – the star that is nearest to the Earth. The Earth receives heat and light from the Sun and travels around it.
- **Earth** – the third planet from the Sun.
- **rotate** – to spin or turn around a central point.
- **axis** – a line through the center of an object.
- **day** – the time between when the Sun rises and when the Sun sets.
- **night** – the time between when the Sun sets in the evening and when the Sun rises in the morning.