

Dear Family, in class today, we tinkered with kitchen tools and compared two kinds of mixers.

Did you know?

- A rotary beater is a simple machine. It is turned with a hand crank.
- An electric mixer is powered by a motor.
- Tinkering is helpful for children.
- Using simple tools helps with their fine motor skills.

Ask your child:

- Describe what happened when you used the rotary mixer.
- Describe what happened when you used the electric mixer.
- Tell me how the machines were different.
- Tell me how the machines were alike.

Vocabulary:

- beater – a kitchen tool. It is used to mix ingredients.
- mixer – a kitchen tool. It is used to blend ingredients.
- rotary – able to turn.
- electric – a kind of energy. It makes things work.
- machine – a piece of equipment. It has parts. The parts work together to do something.
- force – a power.

Activity:

With your child, look around your kitchen. Try to find some simple kitchen tools and gadgets. Some examples are a can opener, whisk, vegetable peeler, blender, or food chopper. Help your child use these tools. Together, try to make something using one of the tools. When you are finished, help your child draw a picture of the tool you used. Write the name of the tool on the drawing. Send it to school to share with us.