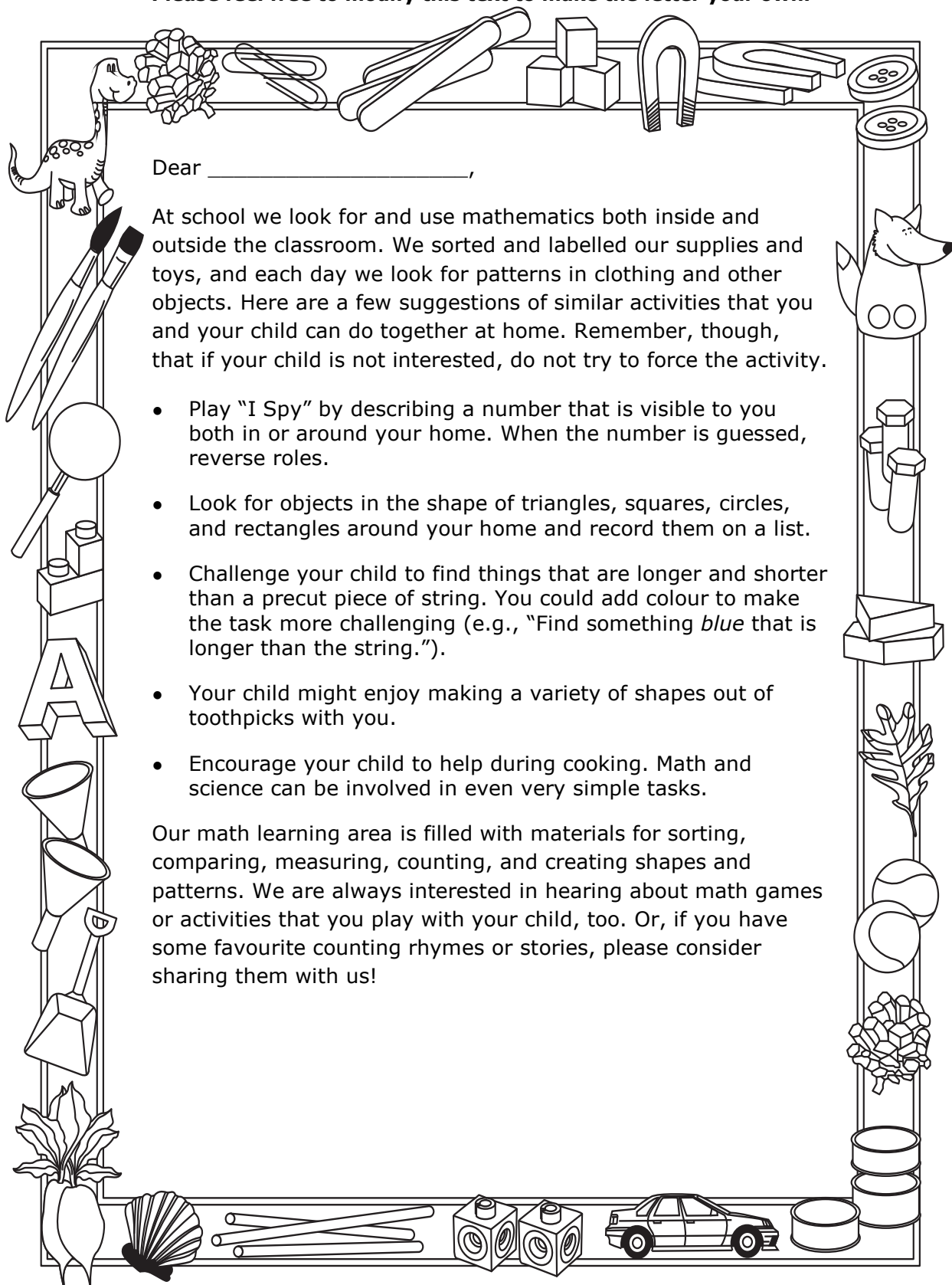


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Dear _____,

At school we look for and use mathematics both inside and outside the classroom. We sorted and labelled our supplies and toys, and each day we look for patterns in clothing and other objects. Here are a few suggestions of similar activities that you and your child can do together at home. Remember, though, that if your child is not interested, do not try to force the activity.

- Play "I Spy" by describing a number that is visible to you both in or around your home. When the number is guessed, reverse roles.
- Look for objects in the shape of triangles, squares, circles, and rectangles around your home and record them on a list.
- Challenge your child to find things that are longer and shorter than a precut piece of string. You could add colour to make the task more challenging (e.g., "Find something *blue* that is longer than the string.").
- Your child might enjoy making a variety of shapes out of toothpicks with you.
- Encourage your child to help during cooking. Math and science can be involved in even very simple tasks.

Our math learning area is filled with materials for sorting, comparing, measuring, counting, and creating shapes and patterns. We are always interested in hearing about math games or activities that you play with your child, too. Or, if you have some favourite counting rhymes or stories, please consider sharing them with us!