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Dear Parents,

Our new unit in science is the **"States of Matter"**. We've, discussed properties of matter and conducted a few simple explorations and experiments. I thought it would be nice to incorporate this concept into our "Show and Tell" this Friday, Dec 12. We will share these in the morning since we'll plan to meet with our buddies later in the afternoon.

Instead of bringing in our usual **"Show and Tell" And "Book Talks"**, the children will select an item to put in a lunch sack. They will write at least 3 "CLUES" which describe properties of that object on an index card. The other students will try to figure out what is inside the bag based on the clues given. **(Please have them write the clues in complete sentences.)**

Example:

I am a solid..., but sometimes types of me are filled with a gas.

I am round and can be rolled or bounced.

I come in many colors.

What am I? (Ball)

Students should remember to describe the object that they have chosen in some way. (Function ... what it does, if it is a solid, liquid or gas...)

I hope this will liven up **Show and Tell** a bit while it helps the children demonstrate an understanding of our science unit and use of context clues. I've attached the bags and index cards for you to use.

Have fun with this. We can't wait to hear all those wonderful clues!

Keep reading, but remember, No formal "Book Talks" this week.

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