



Family Newsletter for Unit 4

Everything Changes

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- the difference between the past, present, and future
- about American Indians and Pilgrims
- how transportation and communication have changed over time

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

Talk About It

Lesson 3: Family Life, Past and Present

Settling in a New Place The Pilgrims came from England to find a new life here. Talk with your child about what it would be like to settle in a new place that is very far and very different from home.

Lesson 4: Going to School Long Ago

How Education Changes Schools have been important in this country from the time of the Pilgrims. Discuss with your child how schools have changed since you were a young person.

Lesson 6: Sharing News and Ideas

Communication Inventions Talk with your child about the kinds of communication inventions that your family uses to keep in touch. Discuss how inventions like computers and cell phones have changed how people communicate.

Make It

Communication Chart Together with your child, create a chart that lists all the important phone numbers, cell phone and pager numbers, and email addresses of family members, neighbors, and emergency services. Post the chart in a place where your child can use it to find the information quickly.

Read to Learn More About It

Transportation Then and Now, by Robin Nelson. Simple text and photographs compare methods of transportation long ago and today.

Life Long Ago, by Janine Scott. Aspects of life in the United States one hundred years ago are compared to today.

Giving Thanks: The 1621 Harvest Feats, by Kate Waters. Told alternately by an English boy and a Wampanoag boy, the story of the harvest feast is presented with reenactment photos from Plimoth Plantation.



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