

# Greetings, Family!

Every living thing needs certain things to live. Living things are made of parts. The parts have different uses and work together to help the living thing meet its needs. In our next unit, "Needs of Living Things," children will learn about the parts of plants and animals. We'll learn how the parts of plants and animals help them survive.

How can you help your child learn about the parts of plants and animals? Take your child shopping in a grocery store. Look for parts of plants that people eat. Talk about whether that part is a root, stem, leaf, flower, fruit, or seed. Then talk about how a plant's parts help it live. Visit a pet store or zoo and compare the appearances of the animals. Ask your child to name the parts of the animal that help it get food and protect itself.

For this unit, we'll be doing some hands-on activities about plants and animals, using the materials listed below. Can you donate or loan any of these items? If so, we need to receive your items by \_\_\_\_\_.

- small, potted plant
- paper towels
- deep boxes
- crayons
- drawing paper
- nature magazines

Finally, we could also use your help in the classroom. Do you or other family members have any particular interest or special experience with this topic? Would you be able to help with the activities? If so, please fill out the form below and have your child return it to class.

Thank you very much for your help!

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## Family Newsletter

### Unit A, Needs of Living Things

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Student: \_\_\_\_\_

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