

Greetings, Family!

Matter is everywhere! Matter can have many different properties. It can exist in three basic forms: solid, liquid, and gas. Some matter can change from one form to another. In our next unit, "Materials and Their Forms," our science class will learn all about matter and how it can change.

You can make science come alive for your child by spending time talking about how matter is all around us. Explain that he or she can make matter change simply by letting an ice cube melt. Look around your house and around your neighborhood for examples of matter changing form. For example, let your child observe water boiling.

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

- plastic bowl
- spoon
- measuring cup
- balloons
- plastic knife
- plastic containers of different shapes

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!

Family Newsletter

Unit D, Materials and Their Forms

Parent: _____ Student: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____