

Greetings, Family!

In this unit, "Earth's Resources," children will learn about different kinds of rocks, minerals, and soils. They will learn how rocks are changed over time by wind and water. They will also learn how soil, plants, rocks, and water are resources that people use and need to save. Finally, they will learn how rocks, soils, and fossils are formed.

You can help your child learn science at home by pointing out where Earth is being changed by nature. Take a walk around your neighborhood and ask your child to find things such as tree roots growing in the cracks of rocks. If there is a stream nearby, look for pebbles and rocks worn smooth by the action of moving water. Also, point out examples of Earth being changed by people, such as places where people have planted trees on hills to protect the soil.

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

- small rocks
- measuring cups
- filters
- plastic jars with lids
- crayons
- drawing paper

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 B, Earth's Resources

Parent: _____ Student: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____