

Greetings, Family!

Did you know that the surface of Earth is about 70% water? Life on this planet is closely connected to and dependent on the water around us. In this unit, "Water on Earth," our science class will learn how we depend on both the fresh water that we use in our homes and even the salt water in the oceans. We will learn how our fresh water can be used wisely. We will also learn how water evaporates to help make rain or snow.

You can make science come alive for your student by talking about fresh water in your area and how it gets to your home. You can also discuss how oceans affect weather, in particular, California's seasonal rains.

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

- blue food coloring
- 1 liter plastic bottle
- wax paper
- plastic cup
- shoebox
- clear plastic container with lid
- small resealable plastic bag

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 student return it to class.

Thank you very much for your help!

Family Newsletter

Unit B, Water on Earth

Parent: _____ Student: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____