

# Greetings, Family!

Earth is the source of all of our natural resources. In our next unit, "Earth's Natural Resources," students will explore the resources we need to survive. Students also will learn about the renewable and nonrenewable energy resources so important in our lives.

You can help make this topic exciting for your student by discussing the different ways material resources and energy resources are used around your home. Walk around your home and list the materials used to make household objects. For example, talk about items made of wood, aluminum, and steel. Discuss where these materials come from. Discuss which of these resources are renewable and which are nonrenewable. Discuss how your home is heated and cooled. What energy resources are used? What, if any, material resources are needed to produce this energy? Also help your student become more aware of the importance of conserving resources.

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

- string
- binder-style paper clips

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!

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## Family Newsletter

### Unit E, Earth's Natural Resources

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