

# Greetings, Family!

The ever-changing Earth is shown when rock and soil break down in one place due to weathering only to be carried to another by erosion. In this unit, children will not only learn how soil and rock are changed by wind and water, but they will learn how soil, rock, wind, and water are resources that people use, misuse, and need to save.

You can make science come alive for your child by pointing out where Earth is being changed by nature, such as tree roots growing in the cracks of rocks or pebbles and rocks in streams worn smooth by the action of moving water. Also, point out examples of Earth being changed by people, such as water and land pollution or places where people have planted trees on hills to protect the soil.

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

- small rocks
- measuring cups
- pencils with erasers
- small funnels
- plastic spoons
- wooden blocks
- paper plates
- push pins
- filters
- small natural objects (leaves, seashells, pinecones)
- rectangular aluminum pans
- salt dough
- paper
- clear jars

Finally, we could 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 C, Treasures from Earth

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

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