

Greetings, Family!

Matter makes up the “stuff” in the universe. Energy is what makes matter change. Scrambled eggs, home runs, the Sun, and even people are examples of energy acting on matter. In this unit, children study the properties of the matter around them. They also study energy by investigating sound.

You can make science come alive for your child by looking for different forms of matter all around you. Water is a liquid, ice is a solid, and steam is a gas. Listen for different types of sound inside and outside, and discuss with your child how they are different and how they are similar.

For this unit, we will be doing many hands-on activities about matter and energy, using the materials listed below. Can you donate any of these items? If so, we need to receive your donated materials by _____.

- buttons
- foil
- wooden blocks
- plastic jars
- balloons
- spoons
- string
- straws
- tape

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!

Family Newsletter

Unit E, Matter and Energy

Parent: _____ Student: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____