

Greetings, Family!

Ecosystems are everywhere around us. An ecosystem is made up of all the living and nonliving things that interact in one place. Our science class will learn about ecosystems in our next unit, "Interactions Among Living Things." Students will study all the different biomes that make up Earth, such as rain forests, deserts, and grasslands. They will learn how organisms interact within ecosystems and the limiting factors on populations. Students will also learn about how humans can change ecosystems, not always for the good of the living organisms.

You can make science come alive for your student by talking about the ecosystem in which you live. What are the living and nonliving things in this ecosystem? How do the living things interact? How are humans part of the ecosystem?

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

- peat moss
- paper cups
- plastic containers
- colored pencils
- lima beans
- clay

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 student return it to class.

Thank you very much for your help!

Family Newsletter

Unit B, Interactions Among Living Things

Parent: _____ Student: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____