

Greetings, Family!

In every one of Earth's organisms, tiny units perform different functions to keep the organism alive. In our next unit, "Continuity of Life," our science class will be studying different kinds of organisms and the tiny units—cells—that compose them. We will explore how organisms are classified and how organisms pass traits to their offspring. Students will also learn about once-living organisms whose remains are preserved as fossils.

You can make science come alive for your child in and around your home. Which organisms are plants? Which are animals? Which are neither? You can also have your child look in magazines or newspapers, and watch the news, for stories about organisms and how they live and grow.

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

- white vinegar
- red and green modeling clay
- masking tape
- sand
- small plastic bags
- chicken bouillon cubes
- table salt
- yarn
- plastic jars
- AA batteries
- removable tape
- balloons

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 A, Continuity of Life

Parent: _____ Student: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____