

# Greetings, Family!

Earth is an active treasure house. It is our source of mineral resources, and sometimes it rocks, rolls, and rumbles in ways that impact our lives dramatically! In our next unit, "The Dynamic Earth," students will explore the resources we need to survive and investigate how Earth's surface is constantly altered by powerful forces beneath the crust. Students also will learn about the renewable and nonrenewable energy resources so important in our lives.

You can help make this exciting topic come alive for your student by sharing any interests you might have in rocks, minerals, and fossils; by encouraging their interests in Earth's landforms; and by helping them become aware of the importance of conserving natural resources.

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

- mineral or rock samples
- world maps
- sand paper
- tracing paper
- light bulbs
- construction paper

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 the class.

Thank you very much for your help!

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## Family Newsletter

### Unit C, The Dynamic Earth

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

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