

Greetings, Family!

Everything around us is matter, but what makes up matter? In our next unit, “Matter and Its Properties,” our science class will be learning about matter, solutions, and some acids and bases. Students will also explore energy in physical and chemical changes.

You can help your student see that chemistry is all around us. Is a glass of iced tea a solution? Orange and lemon juice are both acidic, but what other foods are acidic? What elements make up water? What types of elements make up particular metal objects? You can help science come alive by asking your student questions about things that are around you.

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

- sticky notes
- tape measures
- vinegar
- string
- paper cups
- sugar cubes
- metric rulers
- table salt
- baking soda
- plastic cups
- paper towels
- old, tarnished pennies

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 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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Unit E, Matter and Its Properties

Parent: _____ Student: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____