



A Family Newsletter

Greetings, Family!

The next time your child tracks dirt into your home, consider this: It is all that remains of giant boulders, worn down over thousands of years. In our next unit, "Rocks, Soil, and Fossils," our science class will be studying the materials that make up Earth's surface. We will explore what rocks are made of and learn how soil forms. We will grow seeds in different types of soil and observe one of soil's most visible inhabitants, the earthworm. Students will also examine fossils.

You can make science come alive for your child in and around your home. What types of rocks can be found outside your home? What is the soil like? What kinds of plants grow there?

Can you donate any of the items listed below? If so, please send in by _____.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> food items: fruit, gummy worms, homemade cookies (date and food to be arranged) | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-liter plastic soda bottles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> soil samples from home | <input type="checkbox"/> clean, empty yogurt cups with lids |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> packages of dry gelatin |

Finally, we could use your help. Do you have any particular interest in this topic? Would you be able to help in class with the activities? If so, please fill out and return the form below.

Thank you very much for your help!

Family Newsletter
Rocks, Soil, and Fossils

Parent: _____

Student: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____