



# A Family Newsletter

*Greetings, Family!*

In our next unit, Rocks, Weathering, and Erosion, our science class will be studying how minerals and rocks form and how they change. Students will observe mineral and rock samples, and will learn how to perform tests to identify minerals. They will learn the three basic types of rocks, make and observe models of rocks and Earth processes, and use timers and magnifiers to collect data.

You can make science come alive for your child in and around your home. Encourage your child to collect rock samples. You can find neighborhood locations where erosion is taking place, and help your child do homework and research. You might also want to visit a rock shop, jewelry shop, or natural history museum to look at interesting stones and gems.

Most of the materials for hands-on activities in this unit have been provided. But a special section involves students eating their way through "Earth!" We could use your help in preparing food items in advance (following specific instructions), in providing ingredients for student use, as well as your help in class. If you can help in any way, please complete and return the form at the bottom of the page. You will be contacted with specific information.

Thank you very much for your help!

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Rocks, Erosion, and Weathering

**Yes. I can help with this unit!** (check boxes that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I can prepare food items in advance, following specific instructions, and bring them into school. | <input type="checkbox"/> I can help in class.                                    |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> I can provide ingredients for students to use in class. |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> I can help in another way (describe on back).           |

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

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

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