



A Family Newsletter

Greetings, Family!

Living things on Earth have life cycles during which they are born or hatch, develop, and then die. In our next unit, "Life Cycles," our science class will be studying different kinds of organisms and the stages of their life cycles. We will explore how organisms reproduce and how organisms develop until they are adults. Students will also learn how some organisms, like molds, recycle the materials in the organisms they feed on.

You can make science come alive for your child in and around your home. Which organisms are plants? Which are animals? Which are neither? Do you have pets or raise a garden? 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 the hands-on activities in this module, we are collecting the items listed below. Can you donate any of these items? If so, we need to receive your donated materials by _____.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> green crayons | <input type="checkbox"/> jar lids |
| <input type="checkbox"/> aquarium gravel | <input type="checkbox"/> black construction paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> African violet plant | <input type="checkbox"/> mature plant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ivy plant | |

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!

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Unit A, Life Cycles

Parent: _____

Student: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____