

Look Around and Explore!

HELLO, FAMILY!

Over the next three weeks, our class will be learning about examining the world around us and about making new discoveries.

We will read books about different kinds of matter, explore things that are new and unusual, and even notice things about fine art! Children will also write a descriptive essay about a place they want to visit!

BRING IT HOME! Learning fun for the whole family!

Big Idea Words

Reinforce these important topic words when you read or talk with your child:

examine
identify
record

Try to incorporate questions like these into everyday conversations:

- How could you examine that more closely?
- What did you identify in that picture/story as being unusual or different?
- How could you record your ideas about ___?



Let's Read Together

Make a special time and place to read with your child every day.

During this module about exploration and discoveries, try these activities during your reading time together:

- Snap your fingers when a solid, a liquid, or a gas is mentioned in a text.
- Raise your hand when a character makes a discovery or notices something new.
- Switch readers when the setting changes.

Word Play

Play with words to help develop skills that are important for reading.

• **Week 1: Vowel Scavenger Hunt**

Look for words with long vowel sounds in books, in magazines, or on signs outside.

• **Week 2: Sneaky e Words**

Make a list of words that can have a silent *e* added to them to change the vowel sound from short to long. For example: *tap/tape*.

• **Week 3: Categories**

List words in different categories that begin with a blend such as *sp, gl, gr, sw, pl, sk, dr, or st*. Use categories such as solids, liquids, and gases to tie into the module topic!