

LETTER FOR FAMILIES—SCHOOL YR 2020-2021



Hello Families,

Science experiences will be important for students in school year 2020–2021. FOSS is supporting teachers with resources to provide safe in-person, remote, and hybrid science instruction. The support of families will also be an important part of this instruction.

Families can access **Home/School Connections**, **Other At-Home Activities**, and many other resources (multimedia, streaming video, and *FOSS Science Resources* interactive e-book) on FOSSweb through the class pages set up by the teacher. The teacher will need to provide the class username and password for full access. Teachers can leave notes on FOSSweb class pages for students. The student FOSSweb page will have **Remote Learning Experiences** for science activities to do at home. Please refer to the teacher’s communications home for specific expectations for assignments.

Families can access the **Home/School Connections** page from the main FOSSweb login page. No registration is necessary for this access. These downloadable PDFs are available in English and Spanish.

- The **Home/School Connection** for each investigation in a module is an active investigation that can be conducted with families at home (inside or outdoors).
- The **Other At-Home Activities** are simple science experiences that can be done with materials found at home.
- The **Math Connections** provide extensions of the science experiences.

For Students and Families: To sign in to [FOSSweb](#), use the user name and password provided by your teacher. This might be a Common Class or Individual Student login. Here are two short videos to get you started on FOSSweb—Logging In and Using the interactive e-book.

For Student Sign In Video: <https://youtu.be/Fcfjbt7Li2k>

For Student Interactive e-Book Video: https://youtu.be/yL_NqXZgmks

Families can view the **Module/Course Summary** from the Student Page. The **Module Overview** is available to download as a PDF. The first few pages of the Overview will help to set the context for the Home/School Connections.

For FOSSweb help: <https://www.fossweb.com/student-parent-help>

Tech support on FOSSweb: <https://www.fossweb.com/contact-us#jotform>

Together we will continue to make progress in science teaching and learning during this unusual and challenging school year. Now, more than ever, we appreciate the role that science plays in our lives, and how important it is for citizens of all ages to understand and act based on scientific evidence.

Sincerely, The FOSS Team at the Lawrence Hall of Science