

LETTER TO FAMILY

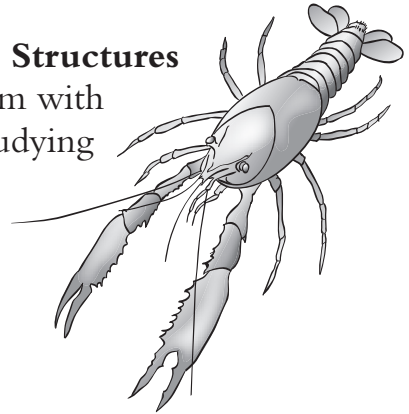
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Science News

Dear Family,

Our class is beginning a new science unit using the **FOSS Structures of Life Module**. We will be sharing space in our classroom with plants and crayfish to learn about life cycles. We will be studying the human skeleton and finding out how our bones and muscles function to provide us with support, movement, and protection. It looks as if we have an interesting and exciting couple of months ahead!



In this module, children investigate the structures and behaviors of living things. You can increase your child's understanding and interest by asking about the investigations they do at school and by providing experiences at home. You might search for and count the seeds found in various fruits and vegetables as you prepare dinner (children will learn that all plant parts containing seeds are technically fruits). You could grow plants from seeds, grow and eat edible sprouts, and look for the fruits and seeds of plants in your neighborhood.

Later we will be taking care of crayfish. Anything could happen, from eggs appearing to shells molting as crayfish grow. If you happen to see other animals when you are out and about with your child, you might take a moment to watch what they do or take note of some interesting features of an animal's body. How might that behavior or body structure help the animal survive? Together, you become scientists searching for clues.

Watch for Home/School Connections. Your child may bring home one or more of these homework sheets, providing an opportunity for the whole family to look more closely at the structures of life around you.

Our classroom will be even livelier than usual in the next several weeks. If you have any questions or comments, call or come in and visit our class. You can get more information on this module by going to www.FOSSweb.com.

Let me know if your child has any allergies to plants or animals.

Sincerely,