

Science News

Dear Family,

Our class is beginning a science unit called **Trees and Weather**. We will be observing and comparing the trees in our schoolyard and monitoring them and the weather over the seasons. Your child may come home with lots of information and questions about trees and their parts. You can get more details on this module by going to www.FOSSweb.com.

You can join in the tree study by taking your child for walks in your neighborhood to observe trees and other plants and to compare how they are alike and how they are different. For example, see if you can find two trees of the same kind. How were you able to tell they were the same kind? Which trees lose their leaves in the fall, and which ones keep them all year? Look closely at the leaves. What shape are they? Do the trees have buds, flowers, fruit, or seeds? By making these close examinations of trees, you might notice things about trees that you never thought about before.

Your child's homework assignment is to gather some tree leaves to press at school. Please help your child gather six or eight leaves. Put them in a small plastic bag to keep them fresh on the way to school. We would like them at school by _____ (date).

Sincerely,

