

Marvels of Nature

HELLO, FAMILY!

Over the next three weeks, our class will build their knowledge about natural wonders, with a focus on the informational text genre. We will read texts and view videos about what makes Earth's natural wonders exciting and unique. Children will also write an expository essay about what makes Earth's natural wonders exciting and unique.

BRING IT HOME! Learning fun for the whole family!

Discuss the Topic

Set aside time daily for your child to share what he or she is learning. Use these ideas to discuss the topic:

- Talk about the ideas your child has added to the Knowledge Map.
- Ask about the texts your child is reading and what he or she has learned.



Explore the Genre

The genre focus in this module is informational text. Discuss with your child the characteristics of this genre, such as it gives facts and information about a topic.

Ask your child to read to you each day and make time to read together.

Look for texts that:

- spark your child's curiosity.
- tie to the module topic.
- provide interesting facts and details.
- have unique formats and graphic features.

Build Vocabulary

Use these ideas to help your child build a rich vocabulary.

The Big Idea Reinforce the topic words *scenic*, *landscape*, *canyon*, and *landform* in conversations with your child. Use prompts like these: What is your favorite **landform**, and why? Describe a **landscape**.

What Does It Mean? Have your child keep a growing list of the Critical Vocabulary words. Quiz each other on their meanings.

Word Hunt Look for words with the Greek roots *auto*, *bio*, *photo*, *graph* the suffixes *-ness* and *-ment*; and the prefix *inter-* in books and online texts.