

Dear Family,

In explorations we will begin with studying materials in our world. We will be studying the properties of wood, paper, fabric, soil, and rock and how different materials are alike and how they are different. We'll investigate how wood and paper can be processed into products. We'll sand wood, make simulated plywood and particleboard, recycle paper, and make papier-mâché bowls. We will study how fabrics are made and discover how they interact with water. For several weeks, we will be materials scientists.

During our materials study, we will focus on the reuse and recycling of materials to conserve natural resources. We will be setting up a recycling center in our classroom. You can enrich this experience by having your child participate in the recycling of paper, metal, glass, and plastic at home.

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