



School-Home Connection

Your child is reading “Atlas in the Round” by Keith Lye and Alastair Campbell. This nonfiction selection describes features of globes, such as the South and North Poles, lines of latitude and longitude, and the equator. The authors describe how the Earth was formed and what it is made of. Also included in the selection are sections on earth quakes and volcanoes and how the surface of the Earth changes in response to those forces. The selection also describes the four oceans – the Pacific Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, the Indian Ocean, and the Arctic Ocean – and the important features of the Antarctic.

Make a Globe

Your child can use a map, a pen, and an orange to make a miniature globe. Help your child locate continents and oceans on the map, and then copy them onto the skin of an orange. Have your child draw a dot to show where your home is on the miniature globe.

Vocabulary

Vocabulary and Earth Facts

Your child has learned the following words while reading “Atlas in the Round”:

cylinder
transparent
microscopic

collide
traditional
submerged

Have your child define each word. Then ask your child to use each word in a sentence, in order to share a fact about the Earth with a family member.



TIME TO READ

Encourage your child to read for at least 30 minutes outside of class each day.

Imaginary Family Trip

Have your child interview family members about a trip they would like to take around the world. Your child should list all the places each family member wants to visit. Then help your child draw a map of the world and trace the route of the family trip. Guide them to plan a logical and efficient route around the world. Use an atlas from the library or on the Internet to discover interesting facts about the geography of the places you chose for your family’s trip.

