

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parents,

Over the next few weeks your child will be involved in a nonfiction investigation about \_\_\_\_\_. We will be reading about the topic in class, but I would also like students to do some research at home. These are three ways that you can help your child.

- Visit with your child about the topic. Ask your child what he or she already knows. Talk about what you know. Help your child write or draw the information on paper so that he or she can bring it to class to share. Make sure that your child is able to share the information in his or her own words.
- Visit the library and see if you can find books about the topic for you to read together. Write or draw any information that you find for your child to bring to class. Again, make sure that he or she can say the information aloud in his or her own words.
- If you have access to the Internet at home, search for information on the topic together. If you come across a site that has a lot of information and uses unfamiliar vocabulary, take one or two facts from the site and explain them to your child in your own words. Help your child write or draw the information on paper. **Please do not print off pages from the Internet.** It is much more valuable to your child's learning if he or she can tell the class one or two facts in his or her own words.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Sincerely,