



Earth Changes

This week, your child will be exploring the ways the earth changes.
We will talk about weather, day and night, and the seasons.

Word of the Week

weather

*Weather is the condition of the air around us
(cold, warm, wet, dry).*

Use the Word of the Week at home.

You might ask: *What do you think the weather will
be like today? What is your favorite kind of weather?*

More Words to Know

cycle
earth
fall
pattern
seasons
spring
summer
winter

Day and Night

Ask: *What do you see when it is night?*

What do you see when it is day?

Write your child's responses on a two-column chart labeled "Night" and "Day." On another day, talk about the things your child hears at night and during the day or does during the day and the night.

When You Were Born

Children love to hear stories about when they were babies. Talk to your child about the season in which he or she was born. Tell about what the weather was like on that day. Was it sunny and warm or rainy, cloudy, and cold?

Dressing for the Season

Talk with your child about the seasons. Ask: *How does weather change during different seasons? How does what you wear change because of the weather?* Point out winter and summer clothes in your child's closet.

Straight-Line Patterns, Circle Patterns

Gather several pairs of shoes and socks. Place a sock next to a shoe. Say: *This is the pattern core.* *Continue the pattern.* Your child should place the socks and shoes in a straight-line pattern (sock, shoe, sock, shoe, sock, shoe). Provide help as needed. Read the pattern. Then suggest that the two of you change the pattern so that it forms a circle. Imagine a large circle on the floor. Organize the socks and shoes evenly on the outline of the circle. Read the pattern. Ask: *Where does the pattern in the circle end? Could it keep going around and around?*

Coming Next Week: We will be discussing ways that we can help take care of the earth.