

# 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 a science article for an imaginary science magazine.

## 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.