

Miss Selmo's e-Bulletin

4th Grade- English and Social studies

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English Language

Dear Family,

For the next few weeks, our class will be studying about the powerful forces of nature. Powerful forces of nature occur in the world around us and change it. We will talk about some of these natural occurrences such as volcanic eruptions, hurricanes, and other dangerous storms. You can help your child learn more about the powerful forces of nature.

Talk to your child about:

- the powerful forces of nature and what to do in an emergency
- the kind of weather you have where you live
- Also talk to your child about powerful forces of nature in the United States or in your country of origin.
- Discuss how people stay safe during these natural occurrences.

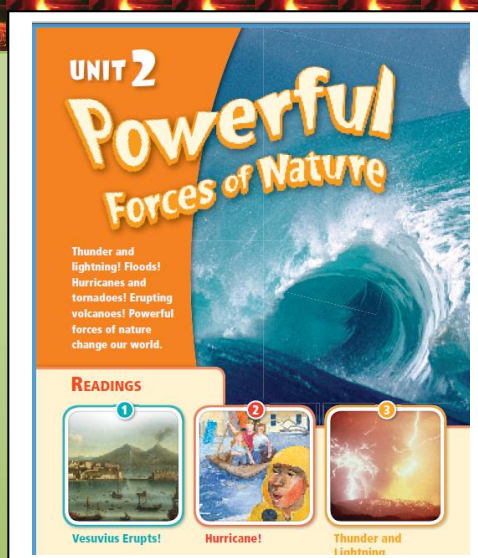
This activity will help your child understand how powerful forces of nature affect all of us. As part of this unit, students will make a report about a city. Here are some things that will help your child with his or her report:

- help your child research the city on the Internet
 - assist your child in finding pictures of the city
 - use descriptive words when writing about the city
- At the end of this unit, your child may work alone or with other students on a project.

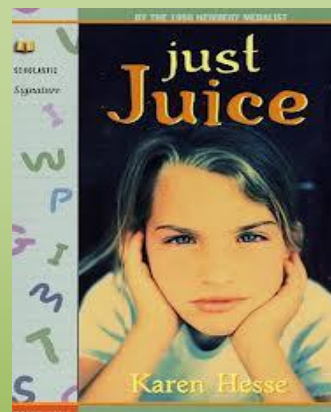
Your child may need to search the Internet or find other information at the school library to do this project. I am also encouraging your child to read other books about powerful forces of nature.

Thank you for helping us with our unit about powerful forces of nature.
Sincerely,

Miss Selmo



Reading



Nine-year-old Juice Faulstich, the middle child of five sisters, plays a pivotal role in her family. She takes care of her younger sisters, watches over her pregnant, diabetic mother, and helps her depressed father in his metal workshop. Though plucky and resourceful at home, Juice has had a hard time at school: She's been kept back in third grade because she can't read. Feeling that she'll never catch up and that she's really needed at home, she is often truant.

Social Studies

The Physical World



In this term, students will be studying about our planet Earth. They will see seasons and latitude, Forces Shaping Earth, and Forces inside Earth. This unit of Social Studies is connected to what students will see in Unit 2 of Language Arts; they will study about volcanoes, earthquakes, days, and nights, and so forth.

