

A Letter to Families

Send families a letter introducing the study. Use the letter to communicate with families and to invite their participation in the study.

Dear Families,

We recently noticed that the children are very interested in clothes. They talk about clothes, put them on and take them off, compare clothes, and add clothing details to their drawings. We think clothes will make an interesting study.

We need your help to gather a collection of clothes to investigate. We need clothes of all sizes, types, colors, and fabrics. Here's a list of suggestions, but you may also send in clothes that are not on the list. Please label the clothes with your name so we can return them to you at the end of our study. We promise to take good care of them!

jackets, coats, parkas,	flannel shirts, jeans,	tights, shoes, boots,
windbreakers, raincoats,	trousers, pants, skirts,	sandals, bathing suits,
ponchos, suit coats,	dresses, shorts, pajamas,	exercise clothes,
blazers, vests, sweaters,	bathrobes, neckties, bow	old-fashioned clothes,
sweatshirts, T-shirts,	ties, bandanas, scarves,	uniforms, costumes,
turtlenecks, work shirts,	belts, sashes, suspenders,	and more
dress shirts, blouses,	gloves, mittens, socks,	

As we study clothes, we will learn concepts and skills in literacy, math, science, social studies, the arts, and technology. We'll also use thinking skills to investigate, ask questions, solve problems, make predictions, and test our ideas.

What You Can Do at Home

Talk with your child about clothes. Examine the fabrics together and discuss how the clothes were made. Look at the labels to find out where the clothes were made and identify the fabric. Look at pictures from the past and note how the clothing differs from clothing today.

Teach your child to stitch. Use a large plastic needle and yarn; make stitches on burlap or felt.

When you shop for clothes, help your child notice how clothes are organized in the store and offer a simple explanation of how you compare prices.

At the end of our study, we'll have a special event to show you what we've learned. Thank you for playing an important role in our learning.