

Letter to Families

Send families a letter introducing the study. Use the letter to communicate with families and as an opportunity 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 on and take off dress-up clothes, 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 is 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 the items to you at the end of our study. We promise to take good care of them!

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

As we study clothes, the children will learn concepts and build skills in language and literacy, math, science, social studies, the arts, and technology. They also will use thinking skills to investigate, ask questions, solve problems, make predictions, and test their ideas.

What You Can Do at Home

Talk with your child about clothes. Examine fabrics together and discuss how the clothes were made. Look at 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 sew. 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 will have a special event to show you what we have learned. Thank you for playing an important role in our learning.