

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Sixth grade STEM science education explores both Ecosystems and Energy. As part of science this semester, your student will be involved in investigating the components of ecosystems. Models are a proven way for students to increase their understanding of the complexity and interactions of natural systems. Students will be working with a team to build ecosystem models to study the interface between terrestrial and aquatic systems.

To begin this project, we are asking each student to bring in a clean, empty two-liter plastic bottle like the one shown above right (thumb's up). These are the big soda/water bottles found in local grocery stores. If your family purchases 2 liter bottles on a frequent basis and you can contribute several empty bottles, we would appreciate your additional contribution.



The Coca-cola bottle pictured on the right has a shape that does not work well for this activity; we do not need bottles made in this shape.



Thank you for helping to bring science alive for students!

Sincerely,

6th Grade Science Teacher