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Dear 1st Grade Parents:

We are delighted that you and your child are participating in the LIGHT Project! This science journal contains blank pages for your child to fill throughout this year as you read books together and investigate and explore the environment around you.

Each journal page has a place for the date and the book title, please have your child fill that in, so we can see which books students are responding to. It also contains a blank box and a few lines for writing. Each book activity will contain some journal ideas, but feel free to expand on those or come up with your own way to complete each of the journal pages. If the weather doesn't cooperate one day, read the book and try to complete the activity the next day.

In the blank space on the journal page, your child can draw a picture of something they saw or even paste a photograph of something that you did together. It would be wonderful if they would color the picture as well, but it's not required. On the writing lines, encourage them to have at least 3 sentences describing their experience. Remember, capitalization and punctuation are a focus in 1st grade; the journal writing provides an opportunity for extra practice.

If you are having trouble with the activity prompt provided in the book, here are some other ways your child can respond on the writing lines:

- When I saw the book cover, I thought it would be about...
- After reading the book, I wondered...
- For this book, my favorite science tool was...because...
- In order to find answers to my questions, I went outside and...
- The new thing I learned from reading this book was...
- The new thing I discovered outside was...

Finally, turn the journal page over and complete the quick response card questions together. ***Don't forget to sign so that the students can earn their star on their classroom chart. Stars add up to prizes!***

Our ultimate goal here is to provide a place for your child to record his/her wonderings and discoveries. We hope that this journal will provide a way for your child to do that in an easy manner.

We hope you enjoy reading, exploring, and recording your findings!

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