

Show Your Child Ways to Become A Scientific Thinker

You don't have to be a rocket scientist to teach your child science. Just do simple things like these:

- **Encourage your child** to be a "collector." Help them organize objects like seeds, rocks, shells and bottle caps.
- **Encourage investigation.** Give your child a magnifying glass. Ask them, "What do you see?" "What's similar and what's different?"
- **Talk about science** that happens in your home. For instance, which cereals get soggy? Why do foods in the refrigerator get moldy? Why do some plants need more water than others?
- **Show an interest** in science yourself. Predict the weather. Observe the stars. Weigh snow. Mix paints.
- **Nurture curiosity.** Ask your child questions like, "Why do you think....?" "What might happen if.....?" and "How can we find out.....?"
- **Go to the library.** Check out books and videos on different science topics.