

Kindergarten scientists are having their first ever classes in the science room with Mr. Mangiaracina! They will spend the first few weeks of school engaging in activities on making observations and inferences and asking good questions. Once they are finished with these introductory lessons, they will begin a study of mealworms. At home, you can ask them “What do you see?” whenever you see a bug. Ask them to tell you about details like body parts and colors.

5<sup>th</sup> grade scientists are beginning the year with a series of lessons on making assumptions in science. They will use primary sources to examine historic models of the solar system and discuss how our ideas change. They will begin their first unit in a few weeks with a quick study of the elodea plant. At home, you can help them develop their explanations by asking, “How do you know that’s true?” when they make an observation, even if it seems obvious.