

# HOME/SCHOOL CONNECTION

## Investigation 4: Natural Resources

Explore the inside and outside of your home to find earth materials in use. Organize the information you collect in a table or diagram.

Here are some hints to get you started on your hunt.

**Clay** Used for bricks, plumbing, ceramics, floor tiles, and decorative tiles

**Sand and gravel** Combined with cement to make concrete. Mortar, stucco, and plaster are kinds of concrete. Used with clay to make bricks

**Industrial sand** Used to make glass in windows, TVs, refrigerator shelves, and dishware. Also used to make fiberglass

**Gypsum** Used in plaster and wallboard

**Limestone** Used to make Portland cement, abrasive cleanser, carpets, and even toothpaste