

School to Home Newsletter

Books to Read

Go, Go, America by Dan Yaccarino. Scholastic, 2008.

Got Geography! by Lee Bennett Hopkins. Greenwillow, 2006.

New World Continents & Land Bridges: North and South America by Bruce McClish. Heinemann Library, 2003.

Content to Learn

During the next few weeks, your child will study how physical geography varies across North America and how the environment affects the way that people live in different regions. Here are some topics the class will be reading about in *Regions of North America*:

- geography and climate: the landforms, bodies of water, vegetation, and weather patterns of the various regions of North America
- the abundance or scarcity of various natural resources
- the location of the 50 states and their capitals.

Activities to Try

- With your child, compare and contrast the climate where you live with the climate in two or three other parts of the country. Then create a Venn diagram, showing how the lifestyles and activities people do might be the same or different in another part of the country.
- Discuss the factors that led people to first settle in your area. Did natural resources draw people there? How do these factors compare to the reasons why they might move there today?

Ideas to Discuss

- How does where people live affect how they live—their housing, clothing, food, activities, jobs, and so on?
- How does the geography and climate of the United States differ from region to region?
- What are the main landforms in the region where you live?