

Family Explore!

Zoom In



Zoom Out



Fold Here 

Zooming In & Zooming Out With Children

Fold this handout down the middle as indicated on the front of the sheet. Ask your children **what they notice** about the *Zoom In* pictures. What **details** do they see? What do they think the picture might be? What clues helped them make their guess? What do they notice about the crosswalk ramp? The dragonfly? Or, the seed pod as they *Zoom Out* on the flip side of the page?

When you share *Zoom In* or *Zoom Out* experiences with your child, when you talk with your child about the details they notice, you are helping them slow down and focus their attention. **Focusing Attention** is a habit of mind that helps children to be successful in school. When children focus their attention, their brains are working to carefully process an experience. They are able to practice ignoring distractions and regulating their emotions.

Children are also really good at Making Connections to other things when Zooming In or Zooming Out. Could they find earthworms or maybe feathers in the *Zoom In* photos? What other creative things will they see when they look closely at things around them? **Making Connections** means that you are finding patterns, similarities, and differences. When children notice patterns as they are learning letters and numbers in school it helps them remember all of the new information.

An "M" looks like two mountains.

A "9" looks a bit like a balloon on a string.

What connections will you find as you zoom in and out with your child?



Zoom Out

What do you notice when you look in the distance? What shapes emerge in the hills? What colors are revealed? What might the mountains feel like if you were to run your fingers along their tops?