2019 Museum of the Earth Post-Visit classroom activity

**PAPER CHAIN CONNECTIONS and LINKS to Geology and Paleontology**

During your visit to the Museum, your students will be encouraged to discover and connect their experiences with previous knowledge. The educators will emphasis linking or connecting, as a chain links between things. This will help them build a network of scientific knowledge, adding to all they have learned throughout the year. Through observation, participation, and keeping record of their visit, your students should build a connection with Earth Science and paleontology. As a simple after visit activity to help your students recall the complicated information they covered at the Museum, have your students write or draw something that they discovered or connected with during the field trip on a strip of paper. Then with the rest of the class create a paper chain about their visit. This chain could then be added to as they move through the rest of the year and observe more first grade science. Did they find a fossil or rock at home or school? Did they see a movie, TV show, or YouTube video that connected with their visit or Earth Science? The Chain could continuously grow. It would help students understand how science, no matter the subject, is related and would encourage observation of the world around them.

Each class will be given a set of golden strips of paper with prompts to make the original chain. But the possibilities are endless.