

# Science Solves Mysteries!

## Dear Parent,

In keeping with the national effort to improve students' science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills, your child has been learning about the field of forensic science. You may already be aware of how forensic scientists work and the skills and knowledge they employ if you have watched the popular CBS series, *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*.

Crime scene investigation has been described as the meeting point of science, logic, and law. When CSIs (crime scene investigators) process a crime scene, they secure the site and then carefully document the conditions at the scene with photographs and sketches. They also collect and analyze physical evidence, such as fingerprints, hair, and DNA.

Talk with your child to find out what he or she has been learning in class. You also can go to [www.CSItheexperience.org](http://www.CSItheexperience.org) and download the "Family Forensics" educational guide. This full-color brochure provides springboard topics and experiments you can enjoy together with your child as you test your powers of observation, solve logistical riddles, experiment with blood spatter using a simple recipe for fake blood, and learn more about telltale fingerprint details—all the while using the fun of investigative sleuthing to help improve your child's STEM skills.

And, to provide even more fun and engaging forensic science activities for your child, visit your local Toys "R" Us® store and check out the range of CSI: science kits that are available there—including the CSI: Junior Investigator Kit, the CSI: DNA Laboratory Collection Kit, and the CSI: Fingerprint Analysis Kit. We have included a valuable coupon below that you can apply to the purchase price of any CSI: science kit.

Have fun with your child using science to solve mysteries!



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