What kind of soil is in your yard or garden at home? Let’s find out!

**EXPERIMENT:**

1. Dig a few scoops of soil and add to a mason jar or cup.
2. Fill jar with water, almost to the top and tighten a lid or cover securely.
3. Shake the jar and let the water and soil settle.
4. Observe the layers of your soil – clay, silt, and sand.
   - *Sand* is the heaviest so it will sink to the bottom.
   - *Silt* is the next layer on top of the sand, as it is a bit lighter.
   - *Clay* is the layer near the top, the lightest material.

Anything left floating at the top in the water is organic matter and nutrients that plants and ballpark grasses enjoy!