

Second Grade Science Curriculum

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WAYNE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCIENCE CURRICULUM (JULY 2017)

I. COURSE OVERVIEW

The Wayne Township Public School elementary science program supports the philosophy of the New Jersey Science Learning Standards. Our students will develop an understanding of the disciplinary core ideas relative to physical sciences, life sciences, and earth and space sciences. and life science through experiential learning and engineering and technology, and through exposure to rich non-fiction text.

II. FRAMEWORK

Instruction is framed around 3-Dimensional learning as outlined in the Next Generation Science Standards including:

a. Disciplinary Core Ideas

- i. Physical Sciences
 - 1. Matter and its interactions
 - 2. Motion and stability: Forces and interactions
 - 3. Energy
 - 4. Waves and their applications in technologies for information transfer
- ii. Life Sciences
 - 1. From molecules to organisms: Structures and processes
 - 2. Ecosystems: Interactions, energy, and dynamics
 - 3. Heredity: Inheritance and variation of traits
 - 4. Biological evolution: Unity and diversity
- iii. Earth and Space Sciences
 - 1. Earth's place in the universe
 - 2. Earth's systems
 - 3. Earth and human activity
- iv. Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science
 - 1. Engineering design
 - 2. Links among engineering, technology, science, and society

b. Scientific and Engineering Practices

- i. Asking questions (for science) and defining problems (for engineering)
- ii. Developing and using models
- iii. Planning and carrying out investigations
- iv. Analyzing and interpreting data
- v. Using mathematics and computational thinking
- vi. Constructing explanations (for science) and designing solutions (for engineering)
- vii. Engaging in argument from evidence

viii. Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information

c. Crosscutting Concepts

- i. Look for and Analyze Patterns
- ii. Cause and Effect
- iii. Scale, Proportion, Quantity
- iv. Systems and System Models
- v. Energy and Matter, Flow, Cycles, Conservation
- vi. Structure and Function
- vii. Stability and Change

III. COMPONENTS

The curriculum includes the following components:

- a. Scope and Sequence
- b. Pacing Guide
- c. Curricular Units
 - i. Unit Summary
 - ii. Student Learning Objectives
 - iii. Resources and Activities
 - iv. Background Information
 - v. Connections
 - 1. Prior and Future Learning
 - 2. Language Arts
 - 3. Mathematics
 - vi. Unit Sequence
 - vii. Modifications
 - viii. Assessment suggestions

IV. PROGRAM RESOURCES

- a. National Geographic Exploring Science (Cengage Learning, 2015)
- b. Science materials kits
- c. Mystery Science online subscription

Grade 2 Unit 1

Unit Summary

Where do we find water?

In this unit of study, students use information and models to identify and represent the shapes and kinds of land and bodies of water in an area and where water is found on Earth. The crosscutting concept of *patterns* is called out as an organizing concept for these disciplinary core ideas. Students demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in *developing and using models* and *obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information*. Students are also expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

This unit is based on 2-ESS2-3 and 2-ESS2-2.

Student Learning Objectives

Obtain information to identify where water is found on Earth and that it can be solid or liquid. (2-ESS2-3)

Develop a model to represent the shapes and kinds of land and bodies of water in an area. [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include quantitative scaling in models.] (2-ESS2-2)

See Content Evidence Statements for student performance expectations.

See Evidence Statements for **Engineering Design**.

Resources and Activities

Exploring Science: Understanding Maps (builds background), pgs. 100-101; Rivers and Oceans, pgs. 102-103; Lakes and Ponds, pgs. 104-105; Make a Model (Lab), pgs. 106-107b; Ice on Earth, pgs. 108-109; Obtain Information From a Map, pgs. 110-111; Glaciologist, pgs. 112-113.

Mystery Science: Work of Water (Mystery #1)

<u>Additional online resources</u>: Pebble Go Online Research (<u>All About Water</u>), Pebble Go Online Research (<u>Earth Features</u>), Pebble Go Online Research (<u>Landforms</u>), Brain pop Jr. (<u>Land Forms</u>)

Additional Activities:

Schoolwide: Earth Systems: Processes that Shape the Earth

Suggested Reading:

Other:

Suggested Materials For Unit:

Make a Model

*Glue *Sturdy Cardboard *Blue Tissue Paper

*White Tissue paper

Mystery Science

*Spray Bottle *Blue Markers *White Paper

Before You Teach

Students look for patterns as they identify where water is found on Earth and explore the shapes and kinds of land and bodies of water found in an area. Students also develop models to identify and represent the shapes and kinds of land and bodies of water in an area.

To begin this unit's progression of learning, students identify where water is found on Earth and whether it is solid or liquid. Using texts, maps, globes, and other resources (including appropriate online resources), students will observe that water is found in liquid form in oceans, rivers, lakes, and ponds. They also discover that water exists as a solid in the Earth's snowcaps and glaciers.

After students identify where water is found on the Earth, they take a closer look at bodies of water and landforms that can be found in the natural world. Using firsthand observations and media resources, students should look for patterns among the types of landforms and bodies of water. For example, students should notice that mountains are much taller and more rugged than hills, lakes are an enclosed body of water surrounded by land, and streams flow across land and generally end at a larger body of water, such as a lake or the ocean.

Students should also have opportunities to use maps to determine where landforms and bodies of water are located. As students become more familiar with the types and shapes of landforms and bodies of water, they develop models to represent the landforms and bodies of water found in an area. For example, students can draw/create a map of the area of the state in which they live, showing various landforms (e.g., hills, coastlines, and islands) and bodies of water (e.g., rivers, lakes, ponds, and the ocean). Teachers should keep in mind that assessment does not include quantitative scaling of models (an accurate proportional relationship with the real world).

	Unit Sequence				
Pá	Part A: How can we identify where water is found on Earth and if it is solid or liquid?				
	Concepts		Formative Assessment		
•	Patterns in the natural world can be observed.	Sti	udents who understand the concepts are able to:		
•	Water is found in the ocean, rivers, lakes, and ponds. Water exists as solid ice and in liquid form.	•	Observe patterns in the natural world. Obtain information using various texts, text features (e.g., headings, tables of contents, glossaries, electronic menus, icons) and other media that will be useful in answering a scientific question.		
		•	Obtain information to identify where water is found on Earth and to communicate that it can be a solid or liquid.		

	Unit Sequence			
Pa	art B: In what ways can you represent the shapes and kinds of land and bodies of water in a	an area?		
	Concepts	Formative Assessment		
•	Patterns in the natural world can be observed.	Students who understand the concepts are able to:		
•	Maps show where things are located. One can map the shapes and kinds of land and water in any area.	 Observe patterns in the natural world. Develop a model to represent patterns in the natural world. 		
		Develop a model to represent the shapes and kinds of land and bodies of water in an area. (Assessment does not include quantitative scaling in models.)		

Assessments

Formative: See formative assessment options above

Benchmark: Exploring Science Assessments (after completion of each discipline).

Note: Benchmark for Earth and Space Science after Unit 2 on pages 129-135 of the Exploring Science Teacher Manual.

Summative: Mystery Science Unit and/or Mystery Assessments

Alternative: Science journal/notebook and digital notebook entries, labs, Stem Gauge Assessments (Google Folder), student self-evaluation rubrics

(Exploring Science teacher manual at the conclusion of each lesson)

Connecting with English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics

English Language Arts

Students gather information about the types of landforms and bodies of water from experiences or from text and digital resources. They can use this information to answer questions such as, "Where can water be found as solid ice or snow year round?" Students should also have the opportunity to use their research to publish a writing piece, with guidance and support from adults or collaboratively with peers, based on their findings about various landforms and bodies of water. Diagrams, drawings, photographs, audio or video recordings, poems, dioramas, models, or other visual displays can accompany students' writing to help recount experiences or clarify thoughts and ideas.

Mathematics

As students collect data about the size of landforms and bodies of water, these numbers can be used to answer questions, make comparisons, or solve problems. For example,

- ✓ If students know that a mountain is 996 feet in height, a lake is 550 feet deep, a river is 687 miles long, and a forest began growing about 200 years ago, have students show each number in three ways using base-ten blocks, number words, and expanded form.
- ✓ A stream was 17 inches deep before a rainstorm and 33 inches deep after a rainstorm. How much deeper did it get during the rainstorm?

As students engage in these types of mathematical connections, they are also modeling with mathematics and reasoning abstractly and quantitatively. When modeling with mathematics, students diagram situations mathematically (using equations, for example) and/or solve addition or subtraction word problems. When students reason abstractly and quantitatively, they manipulate symbols (numbers and other math symbols) abstractly and attend to the meaning of those symbols while doing so.

Modifications

(Note: Teachers identify the modifications that they will use in the unit. See NGSS Appendix D: <u>All Standards, All Students/Case Studies</u> for vignettes and explanations of the modifications.)

- Structure lessons around questions that are authentic, relate to students' interests, social/family background and knowledge of their community.
- Provide students with multiple choices for how they can represent their understandings (e.g. multisensory techniques-auditory/visual aids; pictures, illustrations, graphs, charts, data tables, multimedia, modeling).
- Provide opportunities for students to connect with people of similar backgrounds (e.g. conversations via digital tool such as SKYPE, experts from the community helping with a project, journal articles, and biographies).
- Provide multiple grouping opportunities for students to share their ideas and to encourage work among various backgrounds and cultures (e.g. multiple representation and multimodal experiences).
- Engage students with a variety of Science and Engineering practices to provide students with multiple entry points and multiple ways to demonstrate their understandings.
- Use project-based science learning to connect science with observable phenomena.
- Structure the learning around explaining or solving a social or community-based issue.
- Provide ELL students with multiple literacy strategies.
- Collaborate with after-school programs or clubs to extend learning opportunities.
- Restructure lesson using UDL principles (http://www.cast.org/our-work/about-udl.html#.VXmoXcfD_UA).

- Differentiation Strategies
 - Differentiation Strategies for Special Education Students
 - Differentiation Strategies for Gifted and Talented Students
 - Differentiation Strategies for ELL Students
 - <u>Differentiation Strategies for At Risk Students</u>
 - Differentiation Strategies for Students with a 504

Prior Learning

Kindergarten: Pushes and Pulls

• A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering. Such problems may have many acceptable solutions. (secondary)

Future Learning

Grade 4: Earth Processes

• The locations of mountain ranges, deep ocean trenches, ocean floor structures, earthquakes, and volcanoes occur in patterns. Most earthquakes and volcanoes occur in bands that are often along the boundaries between continents and oceans. Major mountain chains form inside continents or near their edges. Maps can help locate the different land and water features areas of Earth.

Grade 5: Water on the Earth

• Nearly all of Earth's available water is in the ocean. Most fresh water is in glaciers or underground; only a tiny fraction is in streams, lakes, wetlands, and the atmosphere.

Connections to Other Units

Grade 2: Properties of Matter.

- Different kinds of matter exist and many of them can be either solid or liquid, depending on temperature. Matter can be described and classified by its observable properties.
- Different properties are suited to different purposes.
- A great variety of objects can be build up from a small set of pieces.

Sample of Open Education Resources

None found.

Appendix A: NGSS and Foundations for the Unit

Obtain information to identify where water is found on Earth and that it can be solid or liquid. (2-ESS2-3)

Develop a model to represent the shapes and kinds of land and bodies of water in an area. [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include quantitative scaling in models.] (2-ESS2-2)

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document <u>A Framework for K-12 Science Education</u>:

Crosscutting Concepts Science and Engineering Practices Disciplinary Core Ideas ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating **Patterns** Information **Surface Processes** Patterns in the natural world can be observed. (2-ESS2-2),(2-ESS2-3) Obtain information using various texts, text Water is found in the ocean, rivers, lakes. features (e.g., headings, tables of contents, and ponds. Water exists as solid ice and in glossaries, electronic menus, icons), and liquid form. (2-ESS2-3) other media that will be useful in answering a **ESS2.B: Plate Tectonics and Large-Scale** scientific question. (2-ESS2-3) **System Interactions Developing and Using Models** Maps show where things are located. One Develop a model to represent patterns in the can map the shapes and kinds of land and natural world. (2-ESS2-2) water in any area. (2-ESS2-2)

English Language Arts	Mathematics
With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to	Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (2-ESS2-2) MP.2
produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers. (2-ESS2-3) W.2.6	Model with mathematics. (2-ESS2-2) MP.4
Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (2-ESS2-3) W.2.8	Read and write numbers to 1000 using base-ten numerals, number names, and expanded form. (2-ESS2-2) 2.NBT.A.3
Create audio recordings of stories or poems; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings. (2-ESS2-2) SL.2.5	Use addition and subtraction within 100 to solve word problems involving lengths that are given in the same units, e.g., by using drawings (such as drawings of rulers) and equations with a symbol for the unknown number to represent the problem. (2-ESS2-1) 2.MD.B.5

8.1.2.AP.4: Break down a task into a sequence of steps.				
8.2.2.ED.1: Communicate the function of a product or device. 8.2.2.ITH.5: Design a solution to a problem affecting the community in a collaborative team and explain the intended impact of the solution.				
Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills				
9.4.2.IML.3: Use a variety of sources including multimedia sources to find information about topics such as climate change, with guidance and support from adults (e.g., 6.3.2.GeoGl.2, 6.1.2.HistorySE.3, W.2.6, 1-LSI-2). 9.4.2.TL.6: Illustrate and communicate ideas and stories using multiple digital tools (e.g.,SL.2.5.).				
200				

Grade 2 Unit 2: Changes to Earth's Land

Unit Summary

In what ways do humans slow or prevent wind or water from changing the shape of the land?

In this unit of study, students apply their understanding of the idea that wind and water can change the shape of land to compare design solutions to slow or prevent such change. The crosscutting concepts of *stability and change*; *structure and function*; and *the influence of engineering, technology, and science on society and the natural world* are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. Students demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in *asking questions and defining problems, developing and using models*, and *constructing explanations and designing solutions*. Students are also expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

This unit is based on 2-ESS1-1, 2-ESS2-1, K-2-ETS1-1, and K-2-ETS1-2.

Student Learning Objectives

Use information from several sources to provide evidence that Earth events can occur quickly or slowly. [Clarification Statement: Examples of events and timescales could include volcanic explosions and earthquakes, which happen quickly and erosion of rocks, which occurs slowly.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include quantitative measurements of timescales.] (2-ESS1-1)

Compare multiple solutions designed to slow or prevent wind or water from changing the shape of the land.*[Clarification Statement: Examples of solutions could include different designs of dikes and windbreaks to hold back wind and water, and different designs for using shrubs, grass, and trees to hold back the land.]

(2-ESS2-1)

Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change (e.g., climate change) to define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool. (K-5 NJSLS-S, pp.11 and 23) (K-2-ETS1-1)

Develop a simple sketch, drawing, or physical model to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function as needed to solve a given problem. (K-2-ETS1-2)

See Content Evidence Statements for student performance expectations. See Evidence Statements for Engineering Design.

Resources and Activities

Exploring Science: Earthquakes, pgs. 76-77; Volcanoes, pgs. 78-79; Weathering and Erosion, pgs. 80-81; Wind Changes Land, pgs. 82-83; Water Changes Land, pgs. 84-85; Wind and Water Move Sand, pgs. 86-87; Erosion, pgs. 88-89; Make Observations of Earth Events (Lab), pgs. 90-91b; Protecting New Orleans, Pgs. 92-95.

Mystery Science: Work of Water (Mysteries #2 and #3- Mandatory)

<u>Additional online resources</u>: Readworks Articles (Erosion) and (Grand Canyon), Pebble Go Online Research (<u>Volcanoes</u>), Pebble Go Online Research (<u>Earthquakes</u>), Brain Pop Jr.(<u>Slow Land Changes</u>) and (<u>Fast Land Changes</u>)

Additional Activities:

Schoolwide:

<u>Suggested Reading: Volcanoes!</u> Epic Online Book (Must be signed into Epic), Newsela <u>Volcano Article</u> (Must be signed into Newsela)

Schoolwide: Earth Systems: Processes that Shape the Earth

Other:

Suggested Materials for Unit:

Mystery 2

*Brown Construction Paper *River Printouts (5 Pages -Print From Website)

Mystery 3 **Advanced Preparation Needed

*Plastic Garbage Bags *Dixie Cups *Binder Clips

*Plastic Plates *Flour, Black Pepper, and Cinnamon *Plastic Containers *Plastic Spoons

*Handouts (2 Pages -Print From Website) *Ruler

*Plastic Cups *Paper Plates *Corn Meal

*Water

What It Looks Like in the Classroom

In this unit of study, students learn that a situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering. Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly understand the problem, and asking questions, making observations and gathering information are helpful in thinking about and clarifying problems. Students learn that designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models, and that these representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem's solutions to other people. As outlined in the narrative above, students will develop simple sketches or drawings showing how humans have helped minimize the effects of a chosen Earth event.

Students use evidence from several sources to develop an understanding that Earth events can occur quickly or slowly. Because some events happen too quickly too observe, and others too slowly, we often rely on models and simulations to help us understand how changes to the surface of the Earth are caused by a number of different Earth events. For example,

- ✓ Volcanic eruptions are Earth events that happen very quickly. As volcanic eruptions occur, ash and lava are quickly emitted from the volcano. The flow of lava from the volcano causes immediate changes to the landscape as it flows and cools.
- ✓ Flooding can happen quickly during events such as hurricanes and tsunamis. Flooding can cause rapid changes to the surface of the Earth.
- ✓ Rainfall is an event that recurs often over long periods of time and will gradually lead to the weathering and erosion of rocks and soil.

In order to gather information to use as evidence, students need to make observations. They can easily look for evidence of changes caused by rain, flooding, or drought. However, actually observing Earth events as they happen is often not possible; therefore, students will need opportunities to observe different types of Earth events using models, simulations, video, and other media and online sources. At this grade level, quantitative measurements of timescales are not important. Students do need to see the kinds of changes that Earth events cause, and whether the changes are rapid or slow.

Engaging in engineering design helps students understand that a situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering. Asking questions, making observations, and gathering information are helpful in clearly understanding the problem. Designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models. These representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem's solutions to other people. In this unit of study, students need the opportunity to engage in the engineering design process in order to generate and compare multiple solutions designed to slow or prevent wind or water from changing the shape of the land. Students are not expected to come up with original solutions, although original solutions are always welcome. The emphasis is on asking questions, making observations, and gathering information in order to compare multiple solutions designed to slow or prevent wind or water from changing the land. This process should include the following steps:

- ✓ As a class, with teacher guidance, students brainstorm a list of natural Earth events, such as a volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, or floods. The class selects one Earth event to research in order to gather more information.
- ✓ As a class or in small groups, with guidance, students conduct research on the selected Earth event using books and other reliable sources. They gather information about the problems that are caused by the selected event, and gather information on the ways in which humans have minimized the effects of the chosen earth event. For example,
 - > Different designs of dikes or dams to hold back water,
 - > Different designs of windbreaks to hold back wind, or
 - > Different designs for using plants (shrubs, grass, and/or trees) to hold back the land.

- ✓ Next, students look for examples in their community of ways that humans have minimized the effect of natural Earth events. This can be accomplished through a nature walk or short hike around the schoolyard, during a field trip, or students can make observations around their own neighborhoods. If available, students can carry digital cameras (or other technology that allows them to take pictures) in order to document any examples they find.
- ✓ Groups select one solution they have found through research and develop a simple sketch, drawing, or physical model to illustrate how it minimizes the effects of the selected Earth event.
- ✓ Groups should prepare a presentation using their sketches, drawings, or models, and present them to the class. Students can share how they can use their recently acquired knowledge in upcoming units across disciplines.

Unit Sequence			
Part A: What evidence can we find to prove that Earth events can occur quickly or slowly?			
Concepts	Formative Assessment		
 Some events happen very quickly; others occur very slowly over a time period much longer than one can observe. Things may change slowly or rapidly. 	Students who understand the concepts are able to: • Make observations from several sources to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena.		
	Use information from several sources to provide evidence that Earth events can occur quickly or slowly. (Assessment does not include quantitative measurements of timescales.) Some examples of these events include:		
	✓ Volcanic explosions		
	✓ Earthquakes		
	✓ Erosion of rocks.		

Unit Sequence					
Part B: In what ways do humans slow or prevent wind or water from changing the shape of the land?					
Concepts	Formative Assessment				
Things may change slowly or rapidly.	Students who understand the concepts are able to:				
Developing and using technology has impacts on the natural world.	Compare multiple solutions to a problem.				
Scientists study the natural and material world.	Compare multiple solutions designed to slow or prevent wind or water				
 The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s). 	from changing the shape of the land. Examples of solutions could include:				
Wind and water can change the shape of the land.	✓ Different designs of dikes and windbreaks to hold back wind and water				
 Because there is always more than one possible solution to a problem, it is useful to compare and test designs. 	✓ Different designs for using shrubs, grass, and trees to hold back the land.				
 A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering. 	Ask questions based on observations to find more information about the natural and/or designed world.				
 Asking questions, making observations, and gathering information are helpful in thinking about problems. 	Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change to define a simple problem that can be				
Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly	solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.				
understand the problem. Designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models. These representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem's solutions to other people.	Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.				
	Develop a simple model based on evidence to represent a proposed object or tool.				
	Develop a simple sketch, drawing, or physical model to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function as needed to solve a given problem.				

Assessments

Formative: See formative assessment options above

Benchmark: Exploring Science Assessments (after completion of each discipline).

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Connecting with English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics

English Language Arts

Students participate in shared research to gather information about Earth events from texts and other media and digital resources. They will use this information to answer questions and describe key ideas and details about ways in which the land can change and what causes these changes. Students should also have opportunities to compose a writing piece, either independently or collaboratively with peers, using digital tools to produce and publish their writing. Students should describe connections between Earth events and the changes they cause, and they should include photographs, videos, poems, dioramas, models, drawings, or other visual displays of their work, when appropriate, to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings.

Mathematics

Students have multiple opportunities to reason abstractly and quantitatively as they gather information from media sources. Students can organize data into picture graphs or bar graphs in order to make comparisons. For example, students can graph rainfall amounts. Students can use the data to solve simple addition and subtraction problems using information from the graphs to determine the amount of change that has occurred to local landforms. For example, a gulley was 17 inches deep before a rainstorm and 32 inches deep after a rainstorm. How much deeper is it after the rainstorm? Students must also have an understanding of place value as they encounter the varying timescales on which Earth events can occur. For example, students understand that a period of thousands of years is much longer than a period of hundreds of years, which in turn is much longer than a period of tens of years. In addition, teachers should give students opportunities to work with large numbers as they describe length, height, size, and distance when learning about Earth events and the changes they cause. For example, students might write about a canyon that is 550 feet deep, a river that is 687 miles long, or a forest that began growing about 200 years ago.

Modifications

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- Restructure lesson using UDL principles (http://www.cast.org/our-work/about-udl.html#.VXmoXcfD UA).
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 - <u>Differentiation Strategies for At Risk Students</u>
 - <u>Differentiation Strategies for Students with a 504</u>

Prior Learning

Kindergarten: Pushes and Pulls

- A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering.
- Asking questions, making observations, and gathering information are helpful in thinking about problems.
- Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly understand the problem.
- Designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models. These representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem's solutions to other people.
- Because there is always more than one possible solution to a problem, it is useful to compare and test designs.

Future Learning

Grade 3: Using Evidence to Understand Change in Environments

• When the environment changes in ways that affect a place's physical characteristics, temperature, or availability of resources, some organisms survive and reproduce, others move to new locations, yet others move into the transformed environment, and some die.(secondary)

Grade 4: Weathering and Erosion

• Rainfall helps to shape the land and affects the types of living things found in a region. Water, ice, wind, living organisms, and gravity break rocks, soils, and sediments into smaller particles and move them around.

Grade 4: Earth Processes

• Testing a solution involves investigating how well it performs under a range of likely conditions. (secondary)

Grade 4: Using Engineering Design with Force and Motion Systems

- Possible solutions to a problem are limited by available materials and resources (constraints). The success of a designed solution is determined by considering the desired features of a solution (criteria). Different proposals for solutions can be compared on the basis of how well each one meets the specified criteria for success or how well each takes the constraints into account. (secondary)
- Different solutions need to be tested in order to determine which of them best solves the problem, given the criteria and the constraints. (secondary)

Grade 5: Earth Systems

• Earth's major systems are the geosphere (solid and molten rock, soil, and sediments), the hydrosphere (water and ice), the atmosphere (air), and the biosphere (living things, including humans). These systems interact in multiple ways to affect Earth's surface materials and processes. The ocean supports a variety of ecosystems and organisms, shapes landforms, and influences climate. Winds and clouds in the atmosphere interact with the landforms to determine patterns of weather.

Connections to Other Units

Grade 2 Unit 5: Relationships in Habitats and Unit 3: Properties of Matter

- A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering.
- Asking questions, making observations, and gathering information are helpful in thinking about problems.
- Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly understand the problem.
- Designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models. These representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem's solutions to other people.
- Because there is always more than one possible solution to a problem, it is useful to compare and test designs.
- A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering.

Sample of Open Education Resources

How Can Water Change the Shape of the Land?

In this lesson plan children investigate water erosion. Students make a sand tower and observe the erosion as they drop water on it. Students observe, illustrate, and record notes about the process. Short videos and a read aloud also further support understanding of the Performance Expectation.

How Can Wind Change the Shape of the Land?

This lesson builds on another lesson created by Jeri Faber in which students discovered how water changes the earth. For this lesson, students take part in a teacher-led investigation to show how wind changes the land. The children use straws to blow on a small mound or hill of sand. As each child takes a turn, the other students record their detailed observations that will later be used to draw conclusions. Students also watch a short video on wind erosion and discuss the new learning with partners.

Finding Erosion at Our School

In this lesson, students walk around the school grounds, neighborhood, or another area of their community to locate evidence of erosion. Various problems caused by erosion are discussed and a solution is developed for one of the problems. This lesson is one in a series on erosion by Jeri Faber. A follow-up lesson is available where students compare their erosion design solutions.

Appendix A: NGSS and Foundations for the Unit

Use information from several sources to provide evidence that Earth events can occur quickly or slowly. [Clarification Statement: Examples of events and timescales could include volcanic explosions and earthquakes, which happen quickly and erosion of rocks, which occurs slowly.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include quantitative measurements of timescales.] (2-ESS1-1)

Compare multiple solutions designed to slow or prevent wind or water from changing the shape of the land.*[Clarification Statement: Examples of solutions could include different designs of dikes and windbreaks to hold back wind and water, and different designs for using shrubs, grass, and trees to hold back the land.]

(2-ESS2-1)

Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change (e.g., climate change) to define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool. (K-5 NJSLS-S, pp.11 and 23) (K-2-ETS1-1)

Develop a simple sketch, drawing, or physical model to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function as needed to solve a given problem. (K-2-ETS1-2)

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document <u>A Framework for K-12 Science Education</u> :				
	Science and Engineering Practices		Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
l .	structing Explanations and Designing Itions	ES •	S1.C: The History of Planet Earth Some events happen very quickly; others	Stability and Change Things may change slowly or rapidly.
(Make observations from several sources to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena. (2-ESS1-1)		occur very slowly, over a time period much longer than one can observe. (2-ESS1-1)	(2-ESS1-1)Things may change slowly or rapidly.
• (Compare multiple solutions to a problem. (2-ESS2-1)	•	S2.A: Earth Materials and Systems Wind and water can change the shape of the land. (2-ESS2-1)	(2-ESS2-1) Structure and Function
	ing Questions and Defining Problems Ask questions based on observations to find		S1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering oblems	 The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s). (K-2-ETS1-2)
(more information about the natural and/or designed world(s). (K-2-ETS1-1)	•	A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be	Connections to Engineering, Technology,
t	Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or mproved object or tool. (K-2-ETS1-1)	•	solved through engineering. (K-2-ETS1-1) Asking questions, making observations, and gathering information are helpful in thinking	and Applications of Science Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World
	eloping and Using Models		about problems. (K-2-ETS1-1)	Developing and using technology has
t	Develop a simple model based on evidence to represent a proposed object or tool. (K-2-ETS1-2)	•	Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly understand the problem. (K-2-ETS1-1)	impacts on the natural world. (2-ESS2-1)

ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions

 Designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models. These representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem's solutions to other people. (K-2-ETS1-2)

Connections to Nature of Science

Science Addresses Questions About the Natural and Material World

Scientists study the natural and material world. (2-ESS2-1)

English Language Arts	Mathematics	
Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. (2-ESS1-1), (K-2-ETS1-1)	Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (2-ESS1-1), (2-ESS2-1), (K-2-ETS1-1) MP.2	
RI.2.1	Model with mathematics. (2-ESS1-1), (2-ESS2-1) MP.4	
Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. (2-ESS1-1) RI.2.3	Use appropriate tools strategically. (2-ESS2-1, (K-2-ETS1-1) MP.5	
With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers. (2-ESS1-1),	Understand place value. (2-ESS1-1) 2.NBT.A	
(K-2-ETS1-1) W.2.6	Use addition and subtraction within 100 to solve word problems	
Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations). (2-ESS1-1) W.2.7	involving lengths that are given in the same units, e.g., by using drawings (such as drawings of rulers) and equations with a symbol for the unknown number to represent the problem. (2-ESS2-1) 2.MD.B.5	
Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (2-ESS1-1), (K-2-ETS1-1) W.2.8	Draw a picture graph and a bar graph (with single-unit scale) to represent a data set with up to four categories. Solve simple	
Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media. (2-ESS1-1) SL.2.2	put-together, take-apart, and compare problems using information presented in a bar graph. (K-2-ETS1-1) 2.MD.D.10	
Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. (2-ESS2-1) RI.2.3		
Create audio recordings of stories or poems; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings. (K-2-ETS1-2) SL.2.5		
Compare and contrast the most important points presented by two texts on the same topic. (2-ESS2-1) RI.2.9		

Computer Science & Design Thinking
8.1.2.AP.4: Break down a task into a sequence of steps.
8.2.2.ED.1: Communicate the function of a product or device.
8.2.2.ITH.1: Identify products that are designed to meet human wants or needs.
8.2.2.ITH.3: Identify how technology impacts or improves life.
8.2.2.ITH.5: Design a solution to a problem affecting the community in a collaborative team and explain the intended impact of the solution.
8.2.2.ETW.1: Classify products as resulting from nature or produced as a result of technology.
8.2.2.ETW.2: Identify the natural resources needed to create a product.
8.2.2.ETW.4: Explain how the disposal of or reusing a product affects the local and global environment.
teracies, and Key Skills
9.4.2.IML.3: Use a variety of sources including multimedia sources to find information about topics such as climate change, with guidance and support from adults (e.g., 6.3.2.GeoGl.2, 6.1.2.HistorySE.3, W.2.6, 1-LSI-2). 9.4.2.TL.6: Illustrate and communicate ideas and stories using multiple digital tools (e.g.,SL.2.5.).

Unit Summary

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How do the properties of materials determine their use?

In this unit of study, students demonstrate an understanding of observable properties of materials through analysis and classification of different materials. The crosscutting concepts of patterns, cause and effect, and the influence of engineering, technology, and science on society and the natural world are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. Students demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in planning and carrying out investigations and analyzing and interpreting data. Students are also expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

Student Learning Objectives

Plan and conduct an investigation to describe and classify different kinds of materials by their observable properties. [Clarification Statement: Observations could include color, texture, hardness, and flexibility. Patterns could include the similar properties that different materials share.] (2-PS1-1)

Analyze data obtained from testing different materials to determine which materials have the properties that are best suited for an intended purpose. [Clarification Statement: Examples of properties could include strength, flexibility, hardness, texture, and absorbency.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment of quantitative measurements is limited to length.] (2-PS1-2)

Analyze data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths and weaknesses of how each performs. (K-2-ETS1-3)

See <u>Content Evidence Statements</u> for student performance expectations.

See Evidence Statements for **Engineering Design**.

Resources and Activities

Exploring Science: Matter, pgs. 4-5; Liquids, pgs. 6-7; Solids, pgs. 8-9; Solids and Liquids, pgs. 10-11; Properties, pgs. 12-13; Color, pgs. 14-15; Texture, pgs. 16-17; Hard and Soft, pgs. 18-19; Bend and Stretch, pgs. 20-21; Sink and Float, pgs. 22-23; Plan and Investigate to Observe and Classify Objects (Lab), pgs. 24-25b; Materials that Absorb, pgs. 26-27; Build It (describe how large objects can be built from small pieces), pgs. 28-29; Making Observations (Lab-describe how objects can be made of many pieces and can be disassembled and made into a new object), pgs. 30-31.

Mystery Science: Material Magic (Mysteries #1, #2,-Mandatory and #3)

Additional online resources: Pebble Go Online Research (Matter), Additional Activities:

Schoolwide:

Suggested Reading:

Other:

Suggested Material for Unit:

Plan and Investigate to Observe and Classify Objects

*Paper Clips *Rubber Balls *Marbles *Crayons *Erasers *Blocks *Counters *Cubes *Rubber Bands *Rocks

*Clay *Shells *Hard Lens (Magnifying Glass) *Paper

Making Observations

*Plastic or Foam Blocks *Legos *Lincoln Logs *Snap Cubes

Materials That Absorb

Mystery #1

*Paper Towels *Paper Plates *Paper Lunch Bags * Aluminum Foil *String, Yarn, or Ribbon *Large Rubber Bands

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*Pencils *Cups *Water *Plastic Spoons *Mirrors (Optional) *Worksheet (Print from Website)

*Clothes Pins

Mystery #2

*Pairs of Socks *Aluminum Foil *Styrofoam Cups *Worksheet (Print from Website) *Plastic Bottles *Hot and Cold Water

*Worksheet (Print form Website)

Mystery #3

*Paper Plates *Popsicles Sticks *Plastic Snack Bags * Candies for Testing *Pencils *Worksheets (2-Printed from Website)

*Container *Hot Water

Before You Teach

In this unit of study, students look for patterns and cause-and-effect relationships as they describe and classify materials using physical properties. In addition, students collaboratively plan and carry out investigations and analyze and interpret data in order to determine which materials are best suited for an intended purpose.

In the natural world, different types of matter exist, and all matter can be described and classified according to physical properties. To begin this unit's progression of learning, students plan and conduct investigations to describe different kinds of material using observable properties. They will collect data during these investigations; analyze the data to find patterns, such as similar properties that different materials share; and use the data to classify materials. Materials can be classified by color, texture, hardness, flexibility, or state of matter. For example, students can explore hardness of rocks by shaking them in containers to see how easily they break apart. They can explore viscosity by pouring a set amount of various liquids, such as glue, oil, and water from one container to another to observe the relative speed that each flows. Students can also heat or cool a variety of materials, such as butter, chocolate, or pieces of crayon, in order to determine whether or not these materials can be either solid or liquid depending on temperature.

Because every human-made product is designed by applying some knowledge of the natural world and is built using materials derived from the natural world, it is important that students understand that different properties are suited to different purposes. After investigating and classifying a variety of materials based on their physical properties, students will engage in the engineering design process. Students can work collaboratively, with adult guidance, to test different materials to determine which have properties that are best suited for an intended purpose. For example, this project could be launched using the children's story, *The Three Little Pigs*. After reading the story, students would:

✓ Investigate the physical properties of straw, sticks, and bricks in order to determine what properties make bricks the material best suited for

building a house.

✓ Work together to brainstorm a list of possible structures that could be built with different materials. For example, students could build bridges or simple roller coasters for marbles.

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- ✓ Select one structure from the list and determine the intended purpose of that structure.
- ✓ Select two or three different materials that could be used to build the structure.
- ✓ Investigate the physical properties of the materials, including shape, strength, flexibility, hardness, texture, or absorbency.
- ✓ Collect and analyze data to determine whether or not the given materials have properties that are suited for the intended purpose of the selected structure.
- ✓ In groups, use one of the materials to build the structure. (Teachers should have different groups use different materials.)
- ✓ Test and compare how each structure performs. Because there is always more than one possible solution to a problem, it is useful to compare the strengths and weaknesses of each structure and each material used.

Integration of engineering

In this unit, students investigate the physical properties of a variety of materials, and then build a structure with materials that are best suited for the structure's intended purpose. This process is outlined in greater detail in the previous section.

Unit Sequence

Part A:
✓ How can we sort objects into groups that have similar patterns?

✓ Can some materials be a solid or a liquid?

Concepts	Formative Assessments	
Patterns in the natural and human-designed world can be observed.	Students who understand the concepts can:	
Different kinds of matter exist and many of them can be either solid or	Observe patterns in the natural and human-designed world.	
liquid, depending on temperature.	Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to	
 Matter can be described and classified by its observable properties. 	serve as the basis for evidence to answer a question.	
	Plan and conduct an investigation to describe and classify different kinds of material by their observable properties.	
	✓ Observations could include color, texture, hardness, and flexibility.	
	✓ Patterns could include the similar properties that different materials share.	

natural world.

student ideas about causes.

Concepts

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Different properties are suited to different purposes.

it is useful to compare and test designs.

Analyze data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths and weaknesses of each.

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Assessments

✓ Absorbency

Formative: See formative assessment options above

Benchmark: Exploring Science Assessments (after completion of each discipline).

Note: Benchmark for Physical Science after Unit 4 on pages 116-123 of the Exploring Science Teacher Manual.

Summative: Mystery Science Unit and/or Mystery Assessments

Alternative: Science journal/notebook and digital notebook entries, labs, Stem Gauge Assessments (Google Folder), student self-evaluation rubrics

(Exploring Science teacher manual at the conclusion of each lesson)

Connecting with English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics

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English Language Arts

The CCSS for English Language Arts can be incorporated in this unit in a number of ways. Students can participate in shared research, using trade books and online resources, to learn about the properties of matter. As students explore different types of materials, they can record their observations in science journals, and then use their notes to generate questions that can be used for formative or summative assessment. Students can add drawings or other visual displays to their work, when appropriate, to help clarify their thinking. To teach students how to describe how reasons support specific points an author makes in a text, teachers can model the comprehension skill of main idea and details using informational text about matter. Technology can be integrated into this unit of study using free software programs (e.g., Animoto) that students can use to produce and publish their writing in science.

Mathematics

Throughout this unit of study, students have opportunities to model with mathematics and reason abstractly and quantitatively. During investigations, students can collect and organize data using picture graphs and/or bar graphs (with a single-unit scale). This can lead to opportunities to analyze data and solve simple put together, take-apart, and compare problems using information presented in these types of graphs. Some examples of ways to sort and classify materials in order to create graphs include:

- ✓ Classifying materials as solids, liquids, or gases.
- ✓ Classifying materials by color, shape, texture, or hardness.
- Classifying materials based on what they are made of (e.g., wood, metal, paper, plastic).
- ✓ Classifying materials based on potential uses.

With any graph that students create, they should be expected to analyze the data and answer questions that require them to solve problems.

Modifications

(Note: Teachers identify the modifications that they will use in the unit. See NGSS Appendix D: <u>All Standards</u>, <u>All Students</u>/<u>Case Studies</u> for vignettes and explanations of the modifications.)

- Structure lessons around questions that are authentic, relate to students' interests, social/family background and knowledge of their community.
- Provide students with multiple choices for how they can represent their understandings (e.g. multisensory techniques-auditory/visual aids; pictures, illustrations, graphs, charts, data tables, multimedia, modeling).
- Provide opportunities for students to connect with people of similar backgrounds (e.g. conversations via digital tool such as SKYPE, experts from the community helping with a project, journal articles, and biographies).
- Provide multiple grouping opportunities for students to share their ideas and to encourage work among various backgrounds and cultures (e.g. multiple representation and multimodal experiences).
- Engage students with a variety of Science and Engineering practices to provide students with multiple entry points and multiple ways to demonstrate

their understandings.

- Use project-based science learning to connect science with observable phenomena.
- Structure the learning around explaining or solving a social or community-based issue.
- Provide ELL students with multiple literacy strategies.
- Collaborate with after-school programs or clubs to extend learning opportunities.
- Restructure lesson using UDL principles (http://www.cast.org/our-work/about-udl.html#.VXmoXcfD_UA).
- Differentiation Strategies
 - <u>Differentiation Strategies for Special Education Students</u>
 - Differentiation Strategies for Gifted and Talented Students
 - Differentiation Strategies for ELL Students
 - Differentiation Strategies for At Risk Students
 - Differentiation Strategies for Students with a 504

Prior Learning

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Kindergarten: Pushes and Pulls (engineering practices)

- A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering.
- Asking questions, making observations, and gathering information are helpful in thinking about problems.
- Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly understand the problem.
- Designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models. These representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem's solutions to other people.

Future Learning

Grade 5: Properties of Matter

- Measurements of a variety of properties can be used to identify materials. (Boundary: At this grade level, mass and weight are not distinguished, and no attempt is made to define the unseen particles or explain the atomic-scale mechanism of evaporation and condensation.)
- Matter of any type can be subdivided into particles that are too small to see, but even then the matter still exists and can be detected by other means. A model showing that gases are made from matter particles that are too small to see and are moving freely around in space can explain many observations, including the inflation and shape of a balloon and the effects of air on larger particles or objects.
- The amount (weight) of matter is conserved when it changes form, even in transitions in which it seems to vanish.

- When two or more different substances are mixed, a new substance with different properties may be formed.
- No matter what reaction or change in properties occurs, the total weight of the substances does not change. (Boundary: Mass and weight are not distinguished at this grade level.) (5-PS1-2)

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Connections to Other Units

N/A

Sample of Open Education Resources

Exploring Reversible Changes of State and Exploring Irreversible Changes of State: These two lessons work together to explore reversible and irreversible changes of state through guided investigations. The PDF is a set of activities focusing on materials followed by some optional post-activity lessons.

Discovering Science: classifying and categorizing (matter, grades 2-3): This resource is a day, or longer, lab activity aimed for second and third grade students. The lesson starts with a guided discussion and an activity identifying and classifying materials, then it guides students through a series of observations of mixing and changing different materials of different states and observing the resulting effects. Overall, the lesson targets the states of matter, and forces and motion. Some of the ideas (i.e., gas and energy) are aimed at the third grader and beyond. Please note that the link above goes to a larger set of activities and you need to click on the link Discovering science: Classifying and categorizing matter grades 2-3.

Materials and Their Properties, lessons Comparing the Properties of Different Materials (pp. 22); and Exploring Thermal Insulators and Conductors (pp. 23): Students participate in an open-ended sort using various materials. Based on their self-selected categories, students explain their reasoning. Next, through a fair test trial, students use new information to decide, using evidence, which material is best suited for maintaining cold the longest.

The Properties of Materials and their Everyday Uses: This wonderful set of lessons engage students in testing materials to understand their properties and discuss appropriate uses for the materials based on those properties. For example, one activity has the students examining the materials that a number of balls are made out of (plastic, rubber, aluminum, etc.) and describing the properties of the materials (light, stretchy, rigid). Next, the students test balls made of those materials for bouncing height and record their data. The students discuss which materials are best for bouncing and why. The teacher could choose to do all of the activities and have a robust alignment with the three dimensions of the NGSS PS1-2, an engineering physical science Performance Expectation.

Matter song a music video by untamed Science: This is an engaging music video that defines and gives examples of matter. The video is fun, colorful and explores many different kinds of matter as part of the music video sequence. Young students will love the song and the interactive dance sequences.

Science Games For Kids: Properties of Materials: This resource is an interactive simulation designed to have students test various materials for different properties including flexibility, strength, waterproof, and transparency. The simulation includes a workshop where students can select different materials to see if the selected property matches the intended use.

Appendix A: NGSS and Foundations for the Unit

Plan and conduct an investigation to describe and classify different kinds of materials by their observable properties. [Clarification Statement: Observations could include color, texture, hardness, and flexibility. Patterns could include the similar properties that different materials share.] (2-PS1-1)

Analyze data obtained from testing different materials to determine which materials have the properties that are best suited for an intended purpose. [Clarification Statement: Examples of properties could include strength, flexibility, hardness, texture, and absorbency.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment of quantitative measurements is limited to length.] (2-PS1-2)

Analyze data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths and weaknesses of how each performs. (K-2-ETS1-3)

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document <u>A Framework for K-12 Science Education</u> :			
Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts	
Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter	Patterns	
 Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence to answer a question.(2-PS1-1) Analyzing and Interpreting Data Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended. (2-PS1-2) Analyzing and Interpreting Data 	 Different kinds of matter exist and many of them can be either solid or liquid, depending on temperature. Matter can be described and classified by its observable properties. (2-PS1-1) Different properties are suited to different purposes. (2-PS1-2),(2-PS1-3) A great variety of objects can be built up from a small set of pieces. (2-PS1-3) 	 Patterns in the natural and human designed world can be observed. (2-PS1-1) Cause and Effect Simple tests can be designed to gather evidence to support or refute student ideas about causes. (2-PS1-2) Connections to Engineering, Technology, 	
Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended. (K-2-ETS1-3)	 ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution Because there is always more than one possible solution to a problem, it is useful to compare and test designs. (K-2-ETS1-3) 	 and Applications of Science Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science, on Society and the Natural World Every human-made product is designed by applying some knowledge of the natural world and is built using materials derived from the natural world. (2-PS1-2) 	

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Grade 2 Unit 4

Unit Summary

How can objects change?

Are all changes reversible?

In this unit of study, students continue to develop an understanding of observable properties of materials through analysis and classification of different materials. The crosscutting concepts of *cause and effect* and *energy and matter* are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. Students are expected to demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in *constructing explanations*, *designing solutions*, and *engaging in argument from evidence*. Students are also expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

This unit is based on 2-PS1-3 and 2-PS1-4.

Student Learning Objectives

Make observations to construct an evidence-based account of how an object made of a small set of pieces can be disassembled and made into a new object. [Clarification Statement: Examples of pieces could include blocks, building bricks, or other assorted small objects.] (2-PS1-3)

Construct an argument with evidence that some changes caused by heating or cooling can be reversed and some cannot. [Clarification Statement: Examples of reversible changes could include materials such as water and butter at different temperatures. Examples of irreversible changes could include cooking an egg, freezing a plant leaf, and heating paper.] (2-PS1-4)

See Content Evidence Statements for student performance expectations.

See Evidence Statements for **Engineering Design**.

Resources and Activities

Exploring Science: Cooling, pgs. 32-33; Heating, pgs. 34-35; Change It?, pgs. 36-37; Make an Argument (based on evidence that some changes caused by heating or cooling can be reversed and some cannot), pgs. 38-39; Materials Scientist, pgs. 40-41.

Mystery Science: Material Magic (Mystery #4)

Additional online resources: Pebble Go Online Research (Matter), Brain Pop Jr. (Changes to States of Matter), (Matter: Physical Changes)

Additional Activities:

Schoolwide:

Suggested Reading:

Other:

Suggested Materials for Unit:

Make an Argument

*Student Textbook

Mystery #4

*Worksheet (Print from Website)

Before You Teach

In this unit of study, students investigate cause-and-effect relationships between matter and energy as they analyze and classify materials that undergo change. Throughout the unit, students will construct explanations and engage in argument from evidence as they investigate the ways in which matter can change and determine whether or not a change is reversible.

In Unit 2, Properties of Matter, students engaged in the engineering design process in order to understand that different properties are suited to different purposes. Students use this understanding as they construct evidence-based accounts of how an object made of small pieces can be disassembled and made into new objects. In order to do this, they need multiple opportunities to take apart and reassemble objects that are made of small pieces. For example, using blocks, building bricks, and other small objects such as Legos, small groups of students can build an object, and then a second group of students can take the object apart and build another object using those same small blocks or bricks. As students construct and deconstruct objects, then reconstruct the pieces into new objects, they should document the process in their science journals, explaining how they went about reconstructing the

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pieces into a new object.

After students have worked through and documented this process, ask them, "Are the changes you made to each of the original objects reversible? Can we disassemble the new objects and use the pieces to reconstruct the original object? After class discussion, ask students, "Are all changes reversible?" This should lead to opportunities for students to observe changes caused by heating or cooling. With close supervision and guidance by teachers, students can investigate such changes as heating or cooling butter, chocolate chips, or pieces of crayon, freezing water, and melting ice. They can observe an egg before and after cooking or a small piece of paper or cardboard before and after burning. As they attempt to reverse changes, they will also notice that all events have causes that generate patterns of change that can be observed and predicted. Through these types of experiences, students will recognize that some changes caused by heating or cooling can be reversed and some cannot, and they can use evidence from their investigations to support their thinking.

Unit Sequence				
Part A: In what ways can an object made of a small set of pieces be disassembled and made into a new object?				
Concepts	Formative Assessment			
 Objects may break into smaller pieces and be put together into larger pieces or change shapes. Different properties are suited to different purposes. 	Students who understand the concepts are able to: Break objects into smaller pieces and put them together into larger pieces or change shapes.			
A great variety of objects can be built up from a small set of pieces.	 Make observations (firsthand or from media) to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena. Make observations to construct an evidence-based account of how an object made of a small set of pieces can be disassembled and made into a new object. 			

Unit Sequence Part B: Can all changes caused by heating or cooling be reversed?		
 People search for cause-and-effect relationships to explain natural events. Events have causes that generate observable patterns. 	Students who understand the concepts are able to:	
	 Observe patterns in events generated due to cause-and-effect relationships. 	
 Heating or cooling a substance may cause changes that can be observed. Sometimes these changes are reversible, and sometimes they are not. 	Construct an argument with evidence to support a claim.	
	 Construct an argument with evidence that some changes caused by heating or cooling can be reversed, and some cannot. 	
	✓ Examples of reversible changes could include materials such as water and butter at different temperatures.	
	✓ Examples of irreversible changes could include	
	➤ Cooking an egg	
	Freezing a plant leaf	
	> Heating paper	

Assessments

Formative: See formative assessment options above

Benchmark: Exploring Science Assessments (after completion of each discipline).

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Connecting with English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics

English Language Arts

Students need opportunities to read texts that give information about matter and the changes that can happen to matter. With adult support, students can identify the main idea and details in informational text in order to answer questions about matter. With teacher support and modeling, students can ask and answer who, what, where, when, why, and how questions to demonstrate their understanding of key details in informational text.

As students investigate reversible and irreversible changes to matter, they should record observations in science journals, using drawings or other visual displays, when appropriate, to help clarify their thinking. To further support their learning, students can conduct shared research using trade books and online resources in order to learn more about physical changes to matter.

After reading informational texts and conducting investigations, students should be able to write opinion pieces in which they state an opinion, supply evidence to support their opinion, use linking words to connect opinion to evidence (reasons), and provide a concluding statement. For example, students can be presented with an example of matter that has been changed in some way, then asked to write an opinion piece in which they state whether or not they think the change is reversible or irreversible, and supply evidence to support their thinking. Evidence can include information recalled from experiences or information gathered from informational texts or other resources. Some possible changes that can be used are:

- ✓ Tearing paper
- ✓ Bending a spoon
- ✓ Baking a cake
- ✓ Hammering a nail into a piece of wood
- ✓ Getting grass stains on a pair of jeans
- Cutting your hair.

Mathematics

N/A

Modifications

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Grade 2 Science Unit 4: Changes to Matter

- Provide multiple grouping opportunities for students to share their ideas and to encourage work among various backgrounds and cultures (e.g. multiple representation and multimodal experiences).
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Prior Learning

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Future Learning

Grade 4: Weathering and Erosion

Rainfall helps to shape the land and affects the types of living things found in a region. Water, ice, wind, living organisms, and gravity break rocks, soils, and sediments into smaller particles and move them around.

Grade 5: Properties of Matter

• Measurements of a variety of properties can be used to identify materials. (Boundary: At this grade level, mass and weight are not distinguished, and no attempt is made to define the unseen particles or explain the atomic-scale mechanism of evaporation and condensation.)

• Matter of any type can be subdivided into particles that are too small to see, but even then the matter still exists and can be detected by other means. A model showing that gases are made from matter particles that are too small to see and are moving freely around in space can explain many observations, including the inflation and shape of a balloon and the effects of air on larger particles or objects.

Grade 5: Changes to Matter

- When two or more different substances are mixed, a new substance with different properties may be formed.
- No matter what reaction or change in properties occurs, the total weight of the substances does not change. (Note: Mass and weight are not distinguished at this grade level.)
- The amount (weight) of matter is conserved when it changes form, even in transitions in which it seems to vanish.

Grade 5: Matter and Energy in Ecosystems

• The food of almost any kind of animal can be traced back to plants. Organisms are related in food webs in which some animals eat plants for food and other animals eat the animals that eat plants. Some organisms, such as fungi and bacteria, break down dead organisms (both plants or plants parts and animals) and therefore operate as "decomposers." Decomposition eventually restores (recycles) some materials back to the soil. Organisms can survive only in environments in which their particular needs are met. A healthy ecosystem is one in which multiple species of different types are each able to meet their needs in a relatively stable web of life. Newly introduced species can damage the balance of an ecosystem.

Connections to Other Units

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Sample of Open Education Resources

STEM in a BOX - Shakin' Up the Classroom: K-3EarthScienceSTEMintheboxprint.docx: In this engaging lesson, the students examine and describe materials and their properties in order to assemble these materials into a strong building that could withstand the earth shaking. The physical science core ideas in the Performance Expectation are met through a larger earth science/earthquake unit that is part of the unit level resource.

Go to the resource listed under K-3: k-3EarthScienceSTEMintheboxprint.docx

Thousands of tiny pieces can create something big: In this resource which is based on enactment in a second grade classroom and includes videos and examples of student work, the teacher introduces students to Watt's tower, a tower made of many pieces of junk in the neighborhood. Students make their own objects out of many pieces or materials that the teacher provides and the students think about and discuss whether they could use the same set of materials to make something different.

Take it apart, put it together: This is a wonderfully supported and creative lesson that involves students taking apart an old appliance and making a new object using the appliance parts. The teacher guides students using a variety of teacher prompts and individual journaling to track their idea development, questions, changing plans, and evidence-based explanations.

Exploring Reversible Changes of State and Exploring Irreversible Changes of State These two lessons work together to explore reversible and irreversible changes of state through guided investigations. The PDF is a set of activities focusing on materials followed by some optional post-activity lessons. Two of these post activity lessons deal with reversible and irreversible changes to materials. The first lesson involves teachers showing students phenomena and then asking the students to generate questions about their observations of the phenomena. The second lesson involves students engaging in investigating, explaining and asking questions about two irreversible changes and using observations to identify what about the changes make them irreversible.

The Magic School Bus Bakes in a Cake lesson and video, "Ready Set Dough"!: This is a lesson plan that accompanies the reading or watching of The Magic School Bus Bakes a Cake, or Ready Set Dough. The lesson is a short activity with guided questions that accompany making pretzel dough. In the book and video, which are not included in the resource, The Magic School Bus shrinks down to molecule size to observe and discuss chemical and physical changes while baking. The resource contains a link to purchase the book. The video can be found at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTw-ok3KkuU.

The Science of Macaroni Salad (and 2. Dig Deeper): This three minute video is great for teachers who need a short and deeper understanding of what is entailed in the Performance Expectations for Properties of Matter and what is involved when a physical and chemical change occurs. It would be over the heads of younger children, but perfect for elementary teachers who can either view the video themselves and translate the most pertinent ideas in it, or watch the video with the students and narrate in kid language. If the teacher watched the video first, they would be ensured that they had the understanding necessary for tough questions.

Appendix A: NGSS and Foundations for the Unit

Make observations to construct an evidence-based account of how an object made of a small set of pieces can be disassembled and made into a new object. [Clarification Statement: Examples of pieces could include blocks, building bricks, or other assorted small objects.] (2-PS1-3)

Construct an argument with evidence that some changes caused by heating or cooling can be reversed and some cannot. [Clarification Statement: Examples of reversible changes could include materials such as water and butter at different temperatures. Examples of irreversible changes could include cooking an egg, freezing a plant leaf, and heating paper.] (2-PS1-4)

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Analyzing and Interpreting Data	PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter	Cause and Effect
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(3-LS3-1)	A great variety of objects can be built up from	Energy and Matter
Constructing Explanations and Designing	a small set of pieces. (2-PS1-3)	Objects may break into smaller pieces and be
Solutions	PS1.B: Chemical Reactions	put together into larger pieces, or change
 Make observations (firsthand or from media) to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena. (2-PS1-3) 	Heating or cooling a substance may cause changes that can be observed. Sometimes these changes are reversible, and sometimes	shapes. (2-PS1-3)
Engaging in Argument from Evidence	they are not. (2-PS1-4)	Connections to Nature of Science
 Construct an argument with evidence to support a claim. (2-PS1-4) 		Science Models, Laws, Mechanisms, and Theories Explain Natural Phenomena
		 Science searches for cause and effect relationships to explain natural events. (2-PS1-4)

English Language Arts	Mathematics
Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. (2-PS1-4) RI.2.1	
Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. (2-PS1-4) RI.2.3	
Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text. (2-PS1-4) RI.2.8	
Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply reasons that support the opinion, use linking words (e.g., because, and, also) to connect opinion and reasons, and provide a concluding statement or section. (2-PS1-4) W.2.1	N/A
Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations). (2-PS1-3) W.2.7	
Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (2-PS1-3) W.2.8	
WIDA	Computer Science & Design Thinking
ELD Standard 1: The Language of Social and Instructional Language	8.1.2.AP.4: Break down a task into a sequence of steps.
ELD Standard 4: The Language of Science	8.2.2.ED.1: Communicate the function of a product or device.
	8.2.2.NT.1: Model and explain how a product works after taking it apart, identifying the relationship of each part, and putting it back together.
	8.2.2.NT.2: Brainstorm how to build a product, improve a designed product, fix a product that has stopped working, or solve a simple problem.
	8.2.2.ETW.1: Classify products as resulting from nature or produced as a result of technology. 8.2.2.ETW.2: Identify the natural resources needed to create a product.

Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills

- CRP3. Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.
- CRP4. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
- CRP5. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- CRP9. Work productively in teams while using cultural/global competence.

Grade 2 Unit 5

Unit Summary

Why do we see different living things in different habitats?

In this unit of study, students develop an understanding of what plants need to grow and how plants depend on animals for seed dispersal and pollination. Students also compare the diversity of life in different habitats. The crosscutting concepts of *cause and effect* and *structure and function* are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. Students demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in *planning and carrying out investigations* and *developing and using models*. Students are also expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

This unit is based on 2-LS4-1, 2-LS2-1, 2-LS2-2, and K-2-ETS1-1.

Student Learning Objectives

Make observations of plants and animals to compare the diversity of life in different habitats. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the diversity of living things in each of a variety of different habitats.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include specific animal and plant names in specific habitats.] (2-LS4-1)

Plan and conduct an investigation to determine if plants need sunlight and water to grow. [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to testing one variable at a time.] (2-LS2-1)

Develop a simple model that mimics the function of an animal in dispersing seeds or pollinating plants.* (2-LS2-2)

Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change (e.g., climate change) to define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool. (K-5 NJSLS-S, pp.11 and 23) (K-2-ETS1-1)

See <u>Content Evidence Statements</u> for student performance expectations.

See Evidence Statements for **Engineering Design**.

Resources and Activities

Exploring Science: What Plants Need, pgs. 44-45; Plants and Light (Lab), pgs. 46-47; Plan and Investigate (Lab- whether plants need water to grow), pgs. 48-49; Animals Pollinate Flowers, pgs. 50-51; Save the Bees, pgs. 52-55; Animals Spread Seeds, pgs. 56-57; Develop a Model (Lab-showing how animals spread seeds), pgs. 58-61; Living Things Everywhere, pgs. 62-63; Living Things on the Coast, pgs. 64-65; Living Things in a Wetland, pgs. 66-67; Living Things in a Grassland, 68-69; Make Observations (observe and interpret a map to compare living things), pgs. 70-71; Field Biologist, pgs. 72-73.

Mystery Science: Plant Adventures (Mysteries #1-4)

Additional online resources: Pebble Go Online Research (Plant Habitats), Brain Pop Jr.(Plant Adaptations)

Additional Activities:

Schoolwide:

Suggested Reading:

Other:

Suggested Materials for Unit:

Plant Investigate: Plants and Light

*Radish Plants-In Kit(**Teacher Needs to Plant Seed 7-10 Prior to This Lab) *Masking Tape *Plastic Spoons *Water *Clear Plastic Cups

*Radish Seeds (In Kit) *Potting Soil -Kit?

Plan and Investigate

*Clear Plastic cups *Potting Soil -Kit? *Seeds(Sunflower, Corn, or Pinto) *Masking Tape *Plastic Spoons *Water *Rulers

*Hand Lenses (Magnifying Glasses)

Develop a Model: How Animals Spread Seeds

Grade 2 Science Unit 5: Relationships in Habitats

Instructional Days: 20

Mystery #1

(Activity Optional)

*Scissors *Pens *Paper Clips *Paper

Mystery #2

(To Be completed After the Labs)

*Worksheet (Printed from Website) *Old CD cases *Paper Towels *Pencil *Radish seeds *Masking Tape *Water

Mystery #3

*Paper Plates

*Nylon Knee Socks *Grass Seeds *Cups of Water *Ceramic Coffee Mugs * Paper Plates

Mystery #4

*Grass Head *Worksheet (Print from Website) * Pencil *Paper Plates

Before You Teach

In this unit of study, students explore and compare the diversity of life in different habitats. They develop an understanding of what plants need to grow and how plants depend on animals for seed dispersal and pollination. Students learn about cause-and-effect relationships and how an organism's structures are related to the function that each structure performs. Developing and using models plays an important role in students' understanding of structure/function relationships.

To begin this unit's progression of learning, students observe a variety of plants and animals from a variety of habitats in order to compare the diversity of life. Using firsthand observations and media resources, students explore and collect data about different habitats that exist in the world and how plants and animals have structures that help them survive in their habitats. Students need many opportunities to observe many different kinds of living things, whether they live on land, in water, or both. As students learn about the diversity of life, they begin to look for patterns and order in the natural world. As scientists, students will begin to notice patterns in the structures that enable organisms to support their existence in specific habitats. For example, webbed feet enable survival in wetlands; gills enable survival in rivers, lakes, and oceans; and blubber enables survival in polar regions.

The learning progresses as students' focus changes from diversity to commonalities among plants—what plants need in order to grow. Students need opportunities to observe that plants depend on water and light to grow. As they begin to understand that changes in the amount of water and light can affect the growth of plants, they begin to understand that all cause-and-effect relationships generate observable patterns. For example, some plants require very little water to survive, most plants will not grow without sunlight, and most plants need an adequate amount of water to thrive. Students might also observe patterns such as the effects of too much or too little water on a plant and too much or too little light on a plant. In order for students to develop these understandings, they should plan and conduct investigations and collect data, which should be used as evidence to support the idea that all events have causes that generate observable patterns.

Finally, students investigate the roles that animals play in plant reproduction. Students learn that many types of plants depend on animals for pollination and/or for the dispersal of seeds. As students begin to explore the interdependent relationships among plants and animals, they learn that the shape and stability of the structures of organisms are related to their function. For example,

- ✓ As bees collect nectar, portions of their body are designed to collect and then carry pollen from plant to plant.
- ✓ Some seeds are designed to stick to animal fur so that animals can carry them from place to place.
- ✓ Animals eat fruits containing seeds, which are then dispersed through animals' body waste.

Second graders will need multiple opportunities to develop an understanding of the important relationship between structure and function, because they are expected to use engineering design to plan and develop simple models that mimic the function of an animal in dispersing seeds or pollinating plants. Students can use sketches, drawings or physical models to illustrate how the shape of the model helps it function as needed, and they should use evidence to support their design choices. Some common examples of models could include the following:

- ✓ Using Velcro "seeds" and furry material to model how seeds with hooks adhere to animal fur.
- ✓ Using pipe cleaners to gather and distribute "pollen" in a way similar to bees pollinate flowers.

In this unit of study, students learn that designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models, and that these representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem's solutions to other people. As described in the narrative above, students develop simple sketches, drawings, or models that mimic the function of an animal in dispersing seeds or pollinating plants in order to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it

function as needed to solve a given problem.

Unit Sequence Part A: How does the diversity of plants and animals compare among different habitats?		
 People look for patterns and order when making observations about the world. There are many different kinds of living things in any area, and they exist in different places on land and in water. 	 Students who understand the concepts can: Look for patterns and order when making observations about the world. Make observations (firsthand or from media) to collect data that can be used to make comparisons. Make observations of plants and animals to compare the diversity of life in different habitats. (Note: The emphasis is on the diversity of living things in each of a variety of different habitats; assessment does not include specific animal and plant names in specific habitats.) 	

Unit Sequence		
Part B: What do plants need to live and grow?		
Concepts	Formative Assessments	
Events have causes that generate observable patterns.	Students who understand the concepts can:	
Plants depend on water and light to grow.	 Observe patterns in events generated by cause-and-effect relationships. 	
	 Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as a basis for evidence to answer a question. 	
	 Plan and conduct an investigation to determine whether plants need sunlight and water to grow. (Note: Assessment is limited to one variable at a time.) 	

Unit Sequence		
Part C: Why do some plants rely on animals for reproduction?		
Concepts	Formative Assessments	
The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects	Students who understand the concepts can:	
are related to their function.	Describe how the shape and stability of structures are related to their	
Plants depend on animals for pollination or to move their seeds	function.	
around.	Develop a simple model based on evidence to represent a proposed	
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Assessments

Formative: See formative assessment options above

Benchmark: Exploring Science Assessments (after completion of each discipline).

Note: Benchmark for Life Science after Unit 5 on pages 124-128 of the Exploring Science Teacher Manual.

Summative: Mystery Science Unit and/or Mystery Assessments

Alternative: Science journal/notebook and digital notebook entries, labs, Stem Gauge Assessments (Google Folder), student self-evaluation rubrics

(Exploring Science teacher manual at the conclusion of each lesson)

Connecting with English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics

English Language Arts/Literacy

English Language Arts can be leveraged in this unit in a number of ways. Students can participate in shared research using trade books and online resources to learn about the diversity of life in different habitats or to discover ways in which animals help pollinate plants or distribute seeds. Students can record their findings in science journals or use the research to write and illustrate their own books. Students can also learn to take notes in their journals order to help them recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources. They can add drawings or other visual displays to their work, when appropriate, to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings.

Mathematics

Throughout this unit of study, students need opportunities to represent and interpret categorical data by drawing picture graphs and/or bar graphs (with a single-unit scale) to represent a data set with up to four categories. This will lead to opportunities to solve simple put-together, take-apart, and compare problems using information presented in these types of graphs. For example, students could create bar graphs that show the number of seedlings that sprout with and without watering or that document plant growth. They could also create a picture graph showing the number of plant species, vertebrate animal species, and invertebrate animal species observed during a field trip or in a nature photograph. As students analyze the data in these types of graphs, they can use the data to answer simple put-together, take apart, and compare problems. This unit also presents opportunities for students to model with mathematics. They can diagram situations mathematically or solve a one-step addition or subtraction word problems. Data collected in bar graphs and picture graphs can easily be used for this purpose.

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Prior Learning

Kindergarten: Pushes and Pulls

- A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering.
- Asking questions, making observations, and gathering information are helpful in thinking about problems.
- Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly understand the problem.

Kindergarten: Basic Needs of Living Things

- Living things need water, air, and resources from the land, and they live in places that have the things they need. Humans use natural resources for everything they do.
- All animals need food in order to live and grow. They obtain their food from plants or from other animals. Plants need water and light to live and grow.

Future Learning

Grade 3: Organisms and the Environment

• For any particular environment, some kinds of organisms survive well, some survive less well, and some cannot survive at all.

Grade 3: Using Evidence t Understand Change in the Environment

Populations live in a variety of habitats, and change in those habitats affects the organisms living there.

Grade 5: Energy and Matter in Ecosystems

- Plants acquire their material for growth chiefly from air and water.
- The food of almost any kind of animal can be traced back to plants. Organisms are related in food webs in which some animals eat plants for food and other animals eat the animals that eat plants. Some organisms, such as fungi and bacteria, break down dead organisms (both plants or plants parts and animals) and therefore operate as "decomposers." Decomposition eventually restores (recycles) some materials back to the soil. Organisms can survive only in environments in which their particular needs are met. A healthy ecosystem is one in which multiple species of different types are each able to meet their needs in a relatively stable web of life. Newly introduced species can damage the balance of an ecosystem.

Connections to Other Units

The following connections to disciplinary core ideas in Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science occur in **Unit 3, Properties of Matter**, and **Unit 2, Changes to Earth's Land**.

- Designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models. These representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem's solutions to other people.
- Because there is always more than one possible solution to a problem, it is useful to compare and test designs.
- A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering.
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Sample of Open Education Resources

<u>Do Plants Need Sunlight?</u> Students will explore the importance sunlight for a plant's survival by conducting an investigation. Each group of students will cover parts of plants' leaves with black construction paper and make observations of the plant's leaves over several days. This lesson serves to model the process of investigation. The investigation will take 7 days to complete. Then students can remove the black paper, place the plants back in the sunlight, and view the leaves in a second investigation. (*Note: Chlorophyll is not a necessary concept/vocabulary term to address in this lesson.*)

Who Needs What? Students identify the physical needs of animals. Through classroom discussion, students speculate on the needs of plants. With teacher guidance, students then design an experiment that can take place in the classroom to test whether or not plants need light and water in order to grow. Students conduct the associated activity in which sunflower seeds are planted in plastic cups, and once germinated, are exposed to different conditions. In the classroom setting, students test for the effects of light versus darkness, and watered versus non-watered conditions. During exposure of the plants to these different conditions, students measure growth of the seedlings every few days using non-standard measurement. After a few weeks, students compare the growth of plants exposed to the different conditions, and make pictorial bar graphs that demonstrate these comparisons.

Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Vanilla Ice Cream! In this lesson students design a vanilla plant pollinator. This is an end-of-the-unit task, taking about 3 days to complete. The students will view an amazing video that tells about the problems with pollinating vanilla by hand. The students pretend to be employees of Ben and Jerry's ice cream company and help to plan and design a pollinator for the vanilla plant so that the great vanilla flavored ice cream can continue to be produced. (This is the first of several lessons created by Jeri Faber on plant pollination at: betterlessons.com/lesson/628130/i-scream-you-scream-we-all-scream-for-vanilla-ice-cream)

<u>Building and Testing Our Vanilla Plant Pollinator:</u> In previous lessons designed by Jeri Faber, students have learned about how animals help pollinate flowers. The students have also planned and designed their own vanilla plant pollinator. In this lesson, students use the engineering design process to build and test the plant pollinator they planned the day before in class.

Two Scoops Are Better Than One: This lesson is the second day of an end of the unit task to address the Performance Expectation: Develop a simple model that mimics the function of an animal in dispersing seeds or pollinating plants. This end of unit task is expected to take 3-4 days to complete. In the previous lesson (http://betterlesson.com/lesson/628130/i-scream-you-scream-we-all-scream-for-vanilla-ice-cream), the students were challenged to brainstorm their version of a vanilla flower pollinator. For this lesson, students work with a partner to choose and develop their engineering plans by drawing a diagram for a vanilla plant pollinator. They also create a list of materials needed for the task.

Improving Our Vanilla Bean Pollinators: This lesson is part of a series of lessons created by Jeri Faber on using the engineering design process to solve a problem. In the Ice Scream, You Scream We All Scream for Vanilla Ice Cream, the students were challenged to design a vanilla flower plant pollinator. For day 2, Two Scoops Are Better Than One, students worked with a partner to determine which design to build for their vanilla plant pollinator. For day 3, Building and Testing Our Vanilla Pollinators, the students constructed and tested the effectiveness of their pollinators based on the design plans. In this lesson, students improve their plant pollinator models and retest the pollinator's effectiveness.

The Bug Chicks-Mission: Pollination (Episode 5): The Bug Chicks' five minute video provides a fun, animated way of learning about the fascinating world of pollination and insects. In this video, the students observe interesting museums and habitats to look at lesser known insect pollinators. The student challenge at the end leads students into their environment to look for other pollinators and encourages them to bring their observations back to the classroom to discuss.

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Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change (e.g., climate change) to define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool. (K-5 NJSLS-S, pp.11 and 23) (K-2-ETS1-1)

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	LS4.D: Biodiversity and Humans	Cause and Effect
Plan and conduct investigations collaboratively to produce evidence to answer a question. (1-PS4-1),(2-LS2-1)	There are many different kinds of living things in any area, and they exist in different places on land and in water. (2-LS4-1)	Events have causes that generate observable patterns. (2-LS2-1) Structure and Evention.
Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems	Structure and FunctionThe shape and stability of structures of
 Make observations (firsthand or from media) to collect data that can be used to make comparisons. (2-LS4-1) 	 Plants depend on water and light to grow. (2-LS2-1) 	natural and designed objects are related to their function(s). (2-LS2-2), (K-2-ETS1-2)
Developing and Using Models	Plants depend on animals for pollination or to move their seeds around. (2-LS2-2)	Connections to Nature of Science
 Develop a simple model based on evidence to represent a proposed object or tool. (2-LS2-2) 	ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions	Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence
Asking Questions and Defining Problems	Designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models. These	Scientists look for patterns and order when making observations about the world.
 Ask questions based on observations to find more information about the natural and/or designed world(s). (K-2-ETS1-1) 	representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem's solutions to other people.(secondary to 2-LS2-2)	(2-LS4-1)
Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or	ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems	
improved object or tool. (K-2-ETS1-1)	A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to	

be solved through engineering. (K-2-ETS1-1)
 Asking questions, making observations, and gathering information are helpful in thinking about problems. (K-2-ETS1-1)
 Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly understand the problem. (K-2-ETS1-1)

English Language Arts

Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations). (2-LS2-1) **W.2.7**

Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (2-LS2-1), (K-2-ETS1-1) **W.2.8**

Create audio recordings of stories or poems; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings. (2-LS2-2) **SL.2.5**

With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers. (K-2-ETS1-1) **W.2.6**

Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. (K-2-ETS1-1) **RI.2.1**

Mathematics

Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (2-LS2-1), (K-2-ETS1-1) MP.2

Model with mathematics. (2-LS2-1),(2-LS2-2), (K-2-ETS1-1) MP.4

Use appropriate tools strategically. (2-LS2-1), (K-2-ETS1-1) MP.5

Draw a picture graph and a bar graph (with single-unit scale) to represent a data set with up to four categories. Solve simple put-together, take-apart, and compare problems using information presented in a bar graph. (2-LS2-2) **2.MD.D.10**

WIDA	Computer Science & Design Thinking
ELD Standard 1: The Language of Social and Instructional Language ELD Standard 4: The Language of Science	8.1.2.AP.4: Break down a task into a sequence of steps. 8.2.2.ED.1: Communicate the function of a product or device. 8.2.2.ITH.1: Identify products that are designed to meet human wants or needs. 8.2.2.ITH.2: Explain the purpose of a product and its value. 8.2.2.ITH.3: Identify how technology impacts or improves life. 8.2.2.ITH.4: Identify how various tools reduce work and improve daily tasks. 8.2.2.ITH.5: Design a solution to a problem affecting the community in a collaborative team and explain the intended impact of the solution. 8.2.2.NT.1: Model and explain how a product works after taking it apart, identifying the relationship of each part, and putting it back together. 8.2.2.NT.2: Brainstorm how to build a product, improve a designed product, fix a product that has stopped working, or solve a simple problem. 8.2.2.ETW.1: Classify products as resulting from nature or produced as a result of technology. 8.2.2.ETW.2: Identify the natural resources needed to create a product.
Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills	

- CRP3. Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.
- CRP4. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
- CRP5. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- CRP9. Work productively in teams while using cultural/global competence.