

Office of Curriculum and Instruction Science Department

Fifth Grade Science Look For's

Weeks	Unit Name	What the student will learn	What Student will do	What you should see
1 st Nine Weeks	Lab Safety and Scientific Process Experimenting with Force	Field and laboratory investigation Scientific inquiry, Use of tools, Critical thinking and problem solving,	Implement investigative procedures, Demonstrate safe practices, Collect data, Organize, examine, and evaluate data,	Safety rules and symbols, Student safety contract, Science equipment Graphic organizers, Lab Reports, Graphs, tables, charts • Science
	Matter and Energy Classifying Matter, Mixtures	Classify Matter by its physical properties,	Select science equipment and technology, Make decisions Communicate valid conclusions Classify matter—physical state, magnetic, sound, conductor, and insulator Demonstrate that some mixtures maintain physical properties of ingredients Recognize that changes may occur in physical properties of ingredients, Observe properties	folder/notebook List of properties of various mixtures • Lab tests of density and buoyancy, Charts/graphs of lab work • Picture of various mixtures Lab activities using charts and graphs , Notebook entries Drawings and Models of the H ₂ O cycle
	Sun and Water Cycle	Systems in everyday life, Energy interactions in everyday life	of substances that remain constant, Identify some cycles, structures, and processes that are found in a simple system, Describe interactions that occur in a system, Identify the significance of water	
	Weather/Climate		Differentiate between weather and climate., Identify events and Describe changes that occur on a regular basis—daily, weekly, Interpret the formation of landforms, lunar, and seasonal cycles	
2 nd Nine weeks	Organisms and Environments Interdependency, Food Webs, Environmental Changes Adaptations, Traits	The way organisms live and survive in their ecosystem, The flow of energy, the effect of changes in ecosystem	Describe interactions that occur in a system, Identify some systems in the classroom, Examine parts in nonliving systems such as toys or plants,	Lab activities using charts and graphs , Notebook entries, Drawings and Models



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3 rd Nine weeks	Force, Motion, and Energy Uses of Energy, Circuits and	The forms of energy: Mechanical, Electrical, Light, Thermal/Heat,	Draw conclusions about what happens when part of a system is removed, Describe and compare life cycles of plants and animals Compare the structures and functions of different species that help those species live and survive in specific environments Differentiate between inherited traits of plants and animals and learned behaviors Describe various forms energy are useful in our everyday lives,	Lab activities using charts and graphs , Notebook entries,
	Electricity, Light Earth and Space Earth Rotation, Sun Earth Moon, Changes to Land, Earth's Forces, Properties of Soil	Sound, How various forms energy are useful in our everyday lies, Earth's Rotation, Physical characteristics of the Sun, Earth, and Moon, Earth's Landforms	Identify physical characteristics of Earth, Interpret the formation of landforms and lunar cycles Recognize how landforms such as deltas, canyons, and sand dunes are the result of changes to Earth's surface by wind, water, or ice	Drawings and Models Differentiate among forms of energy, Make an electric circuit Create models of landforms and describe them, Venn Diagrams on Sun Earth and Moon Characteristics.
4 th Nine weeks	Energy Resources Resources Formation of Fossil Fuels, What Happened Before	Evidence of past life through Fossil	Identify the nature of the environment of a given time, Identify fossil as evidence of past organisms	Patterns and changes, Past events affect present and future events, Lab activities using charts and graphs • Notebook entries, Drawings and diagrams, Models, Centers