Grade 1 Science

Course Description

First grade science curriculum expands on the concepts of the Earth's Place in the Universe, Waves and Their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer, From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes (animals and plants), and Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits. Students will learn and practice science skills using primary and secondary sources, reading and writing non-fiction and studying concepts in science, technology, engineering and math. English, Language Arts, Mathematics, and Writing are embedded throughout each unit.

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Content: Science

Disciplinary Core Idea (DCI) Code and Title: K-2 Engineering Design

Standards

Know (Disciplinary Core Ideas) Do (Performance Expectations) ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting K-2-ETS1-1. Ask questions, make **Engineering Problems.** observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change to define a A situation that people want to change simple problem that can be solved through or create can be approached as a the development of a new or improved object problem to be solved through engineering. or tool. 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.

Learning Targets (I can...)

I can recognize what objects are made of and how they are made. I can learn what technology is. I will understand how people use a process to design and build things that solve problems and make our lives better.

Essential Questions (Student Friendly)

How do you use your senses to identify objects? What questions do scientists ask? What skills do scientists use? How do scientists find answers?

Previous Knowledge Needed	Additional Concepts
K-PS2-2 Analyze data to determine if a	
design solution works as intended to change	
the speed or direction of an object with a	
push or a pull.	
K-ESS3-2 Communicate solutions that will	
reduce the impact of humans on the land,	
water, air, and/or other living things in the	
local environment.	

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Disciplinary Core Idea (DCI) Code and Title: K-2. Engineering Design

Standards

Know (Disciplinary Core Ideas)	Do (Performance Expectations)
ETS1.B: Developing Possible	K-2-ETS1-2. Develop a simple sketch,
Solutions	drawing, or physical model to illustrate
Designs can be conveyed through	how the shape of an object helps it
sketches, drawings, or physical models.	function as needed to solve a given
These representations are useful in	problem.
communicating ideas for a problem's	
solutions to other people. (K-2-ETS1-2)	

Learning Targets (I can...)

I can conduct a test to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function as needed to solve a problem. I can design an object and plan a test to see what its function is.

Essential Questions (Student Friendly)

How do scientist record and share data? What is the design process?

Previous Knowledge Needed	Additional Concepts
K-ESS3-3 Communicate solutions that	Make sure the students have a clear
will reduce the impact of humans on the	understanding of the scientific method.
land, water, air, and/or other living things	 Ask a question
in the local environment.	 Make your hypothesis
	 Plan a fair test
	 Do your test
	 Collect and record your data
	Draw a conclusion

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Know (Disciplinary Core Ideas)	Do (Performance Expectations)
ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design	K-2-ETS1-3. Analyze data from tests of
Solution	two objects designed to solve the same
Because there is always more than one	problem to compare the strengths and
possible solution to a problem, it is useful	weaknesses of how each performs.
to compare and test designs. (K-2-ETS1-	
3)	

Learning Targets (I can...)

I will learn how scientists solve problems. I will identify how technology can help people solve problems. I will be able to explain what materials some objects are made of. I will be able to explain what materials some objects are made of.

Essential Questions (Student Friendly)

Can you explain what materials some objects are made of? What is technology? What are objects made of? What are objects made of?

Previous Knowledge Needed	Additional Concepts
 How to compare 	
 Scientific method 	

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Disciplinary Core Idea (DCI) Code and Title: 1. Space Systems: Patterns and Cycles

Standards

Know (Disciplinary Core Ideas)	Do (Performance Expectations)
ESS1.A: The Universe and its Stars	1-ESS1-1. Use observations of the
Patterns of the motion of the sun, moon,	sun, moon, and stars to describe patterns
and stars in the sky can be observed,	that can be predicted.
described, and predicted. (1-ESS1-1)	[Clarification Statement: Examples of
	patterns could include that the sun and
	moon appear to rise in one part of the
	sky, move across the sky, and set; and
	stars other than our sun are visible at
	night but not during the day.]
	[Assessment Boundary: Assessment of
	star patterns is limited to stars being seen
	at night and not during the day.]

Learning Targets (I can...)

I will understand ways the sun helps and harms things on Earth. I will explain what causes day and night.

Essential Questions (Student Friendly)

What is the sun? What causes day and night? What can you tell about the Earth and sky?

Previous Knowledge Needed	Additional Concepts
What is a star?	 Visit a website that shows the
 What is the moon? 	moon phases
 What is the sun? 	 Stress the concept: stars are
 Where are the sun, moon and 	visible at night but not during the day
stars located?	(other than the sun as a star)
	 relationship and rotation of the
	moon, sun, and earth (flashlight and
	globe or balloon)

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Know (Disciplinary Core Ideas)	Do (Performance Expectations)
ESS1.B: Earth and the Solar System	1-ESS1-2. Make observations at
Seasonal patterns of sunrise and sunset	different times of year to relate the
can be observed, described, and	amount of daylight to the time of year.
predicted. (1-ESS1-2)	[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on
	relative comparisons of the amount of
	daylight in the winter to the amount in the
	spring or fall.] [Assessment Boundary:
	Assessment is limited to relative amounts
	of daylight, not quantifying the hours or
	time of daylight.]

Learning Targets (I can...)

I can correctly make observations to describe what is happening in the sky. I can describe the pattern or cycle I see in the sky using pictures or words.

Essential Questions (Student Friendly)

What is the sun? What causes day and night? Why does the moon look like it disappears? What are the phases of the moon?

Previous Knowledge Needed	Additional Concepts
What is a sun?What are the seasons?	Moon phases
Difference between day and night	

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Content: Disciplinary Core Idea (DCI) Code and Title: 1. Waves: Light and Sound

Standards

Know (Disciplinary Core Ideas)	Do (Performance Expectations)
PS4.A: Wave Properties	1-PS4-1. Plan and conduct investigations
 Sound can make matter vibrate, 	to provide evidence that vibrating
and vibrating matter can make	materials can make sound and that sound
sound.	can make materials vibrate.

Learning Targets (I can...)

Learning Target: I can experiment with materials to find out how vibrations create sound and how sound can cause things to vibrate.

Learning Target: I can explain how sound and vibrations work together.

Learning Target: I can demonstrate, using materials, different pitches that can be

made from vibration.

Essential Questions (Student Friendly)

What is sound?

How can you make sound?

Previous Knowledge Needed	Additional Concepts
-What is energy?	- Science investigations begin with a
-How do we use energy?	question.
	-Scientists use different ways to study the
	world.
	- Collaborate with music teacher
	- Vibrations of your voice
	- YOUTUBE vibrations video
	-Use geoboards from math with
	rubberbands to talk about vibrations

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Standards

Know (Disciplinary Core Ideas)	Do (Performance Expectations)
PS4.B Electromagnetic Radiation	1-PS4-2. Make observations to construct
 Objects can be seen if light is 	an evidence-based account that objects
available to illuminate them or if	can be seen only when illuminated.
they give off their own light.	-

Learning Targets (I can...)

Learning Target: I can observe and explain why objects in the dark can only be seen when light shines on them.

Learning Target: I can make observations about what happens when light is added to a situation.

Essential Questions (Student Friendly) What does light do? What is light?

Previous Knowledge Needed	Additional Concepts
-What is energy?	- Science investigations begin with a
- How do we use energy?	question.
	- Scientists use different ways to study
	the world.
	- Different sources of light (sun,
	flashlights, fire, etc)
	- How does light effect how we see
	things?

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Standards

Know (Disciplinary Core Ideas)	Do (Performance Expectations)
PS4.B: Electromagnetic Radiation - Some materials allow light to pass through them, others allow only some light through and others block all the light and create a dark shadow on any surface beyond them, where the light cannot reach. Mirrors can be used to redirect a light beam.	1-PS4-3. Plan and conduct an investigation to determine the effect of placing objects made with different materials in the path of a beam of light.

Learning Targets (I can...)
Learning Target: I can observe and explain how different objects affect light.

Essential Questions (Student Friendly) What is light? What does light do?

Previous Knowledge Needed	Additional Concepts
	Science investigations begin with a
	question.
	-Scientists use different ways to study the
	world.
	-What are shadows?

Content: Disciplinary Core Idea (DCI) Code and Title: Structure, Function, and Information Processing

Standards

Know (Disciplinary Core Ideas)

LS1.A. Structure and Function

All organisms have external parts.
 Different animals use their body parts in different ways to see, hear, grasp objects, protect themselves, move from place to place, and seek, find, and take in food, water, and air. Plants also have different parts that help them survive and grow.

LS1.D Information Processing

 Animals have body parts that capture and convey different kinds of information needed for growth and survival. Animals respond to these inputs with behaviors that help them survive. Plants also respond to some external inputs.

Do (Performance Expectations)

1-LS1-1. Use materials to design a solution to a human problem by mimicking how plants and/or animals use their external parts to help them survive, grow, and meet their needs.

Learning Targets (I can...)

Learning Target: I can use diagrams and models to show how animals use their five senses to meet their needs, grow, and survive.

Learning Target: I can use diagrams and models to show and explain how animals use their body parts for survival.

Learning Target: I can use diagrams and models to show and explain how humans use tools like animals as a part of survival.

Essential Questions (Student Friendly)

What do plants and animals need?

What do living things need?

How do plants and animals live in land environments?

How do plants and animals live in water environments?

Previous Knowledge Needed	Additional Concepts
- K.ETS1.A	- Scientists look for patterns and order
- What are nonliving and living things?	when making observations about the
- 5 senses	world.
	- How do we use our five senses to make

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Standards

Know (Disciplinary Core Ideas)	Do (Performance Expectations)
LS1.B Growth and Development of	1.LS1-2. Read texts and use media to
Organisms	determine patterns in behavior of parents
 Adult plants and animals can have 	and offspring that help offspring survive
young. In many kinds of animals, parents	
and offspring engage in behaviors that	
help the offspring to survive.	

Learning Targets (I can...)

Learning Target: I can make observations and record ways that plants and/or animals change as they grow.

Learning Target: I can compare and contrast how animals, plants, and humans grow and change.

Learning Target: I can sequence, through pictures or writing, how plants and/or animals grow and change.

Learning Target: I can research, using technology, and explain animal behaviors and interactions between parents and offspring for survival.

Essential Questions (Student Friendly)

What is the role of adult animal in survival? How do adults help their offspring meet their needs and survive?

Previous Knowledge Needed	Additional Concepts
-Living vs. Nonliving	Book: Growing Up (Macmillan Series)
-Making observations	 Comparing stages of life
	Compare/contrast animals and/or plants
	Role of adult and how they help their
	young survive
	Different types of groups that animals
	form

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Standards

Know (Disciplinary Core Ideas)	Do (Performance Expectations)
LS3.A Inheritance of Traits	1.LS3-1. Make observations to construct
- Young animals are very much, but not	an evidence-based account that young
exactly, like their parents. Plants are also	plants and animals are like, but not
very much, but not exactly, like their	exactly like, their parents.
parents.	
LS3.B Variation of Traits	
 Individuals of the same kind of plant 	
or animal are recognizable as similar but	
can also vary in many ways.	

Learning Targets (I can...)

Learning Target: I can compare and contrast the characteristics of animals. Learning Target: I can compare and contrast the characteristics of plants.

Learning Target: I can explain how animals and plants of the same type have similar

and different traits.

Essential Questions (Student Friendly)

How are living things alike and different?

How are flowers alike and different?

How do plants grow?

How do some animals grow?

What are some groups of living things?

What are some parts of plants?

How are living things like their parents?

How are groups of living things different?

Previous Knowledge Needed	Additional Concepts
- Living vs. nonliving	- Compare/Contrast plants and/or animals
- Making observations	- Compare/Contrast people/ animals
	- Use a variety of plant and animal
	pictures to compare body coverings/parts,
	young animal names, habitats, caring for
	their young and what they eat.