Moonachie School District

Science Curriculum:

Grade K

New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Science

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| **Unit 1 Overview** |
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| [**Unit 1: Pushes and Pulls**](http://www.nj.gov/education/modelcurriculum/sci/ku1.pdf) |
| **Grade: Kindergarten** |
| **Content Area: Physical Science** |
| **Pacing: 25 days** |
| **Essential Question** |
| What does science have to do with playing sports? |
| **Student Learning Objectives (Performance Expectations)** |
| **K-PS2-1. Plan and conduct an investigation to compare the effects of different strengths or different directions of pushes and pulls on the motion of an object.** |
| **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.** |
| **Unit Summary** |
| During this unit of study, students apply an understanding of the effects of different strengths or different directions of pushes and pulls on the motion of an object to analyze a design solution. The crosscutting concept of cause and effect is called out as the organizing concept for this disciplinary core idea. Students are expected to 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. |
| **Technical Terms** |
| Position, Force, Push, Pull, Friction, Strength, Direction, Movement, Motion |
| **Formative Assessment Measures** |
| ***Part A: Why do scientists like to play soccer?*** |
| Students who understand the concepts are able to:• With guidance, design simple tests to gather evidence to support or refute ideas about cause-and-effect relationships. • With guidance, plan and conduct an investigation in collaboration with peers. • With guidance, collaboratively plan and conduct an investigation to compare the effects of different strengths or different directions of pushes and pulls on the motion of an object. (Assessment is limited to different relative strengths or different directions, but not both at the same time. Assessment does not include noncontact pushes or pulls such as those produced by magnets.) Some examples of pushes and pulls on the motion of an object could include: A string attached to an object being pulled. A person pushing an object, A person stopping a rolling ball, Two objects colliding and pushing on each other. |
| ***Part B: How can you design a simple way to change the speed or direction of an object using a push or pull from another object?*** |
| Students who understand the concepts are able to:• With guidance, design simple tests to gather evidence to support or refute ideas about cause-and-effect relationships. • Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended. • Analyze data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths and weaknesses of how each performs. • Analyze data to determine whether a design solution works as intended to change the speed or direction of an object with a push or a pull. • Examples of problems requiring a solution could include having a marble or other object move a certain distance, follow a particular path, and knock down other objects. • Examples of solutions could include tools such as a ramp to increase the speed of the object and a structure that would cause an object such as a marble or ball to turn. (Assessment does not include friction as a mechanism for change in speed.) |
| **Interdisciplinary Connections** |
| **NJSLS- ELA** | **NJSLS- Mathematics** |
| With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text. (K-PS2-2) RI.K.1Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood. (K-PS2-2) SL.K.3 Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of books by a favorite author and express opinions about them). (K-PS2-1) W.K.7 Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood. (K-PS2-2) SL.K.3  | Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (K-PS2-1), ( K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3) MP.2 Model with mathematics. (K-2-ETS1-1), (K-2-ETS1-3) MP.4 Use appropriate tools strategically. (K-2-ETS1-1), (K-2-ETS1-3) MP.5 Describe measurable attributes of objects, such as length or weight. Describe several measurable attributes of a single object. (K-PS2-1) K.MD.A.1 Directly compare two objects with a measurable attribute in common, to see which object has “more of”/”less of” the attribute, and describe the difference. (K-PS2-1) K.MD.A.2  |
| **Core Instructional Materials** | Textbooks Series, Lab Materials, etc. |
| **Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills** | 9.4 Life Literacies and Key Skills* 9.4.2.TL.3: Enter information into a spreadsheet and sort the information.
* 9.4.2.IML.2: Represent data in a visual format to tell a story about the data (e.g., 2.MD.D.10).
* 9.4.2.TL.3: Enter information into a spreadsheet and sort the information.
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| **Computer Science and Design Thinking** | 8.1 Computer Science* 8.1.2.DA.1: Collect and present data, including climate change data, in various visual formats.
* 8.1.2.DA.3: Identify and describe patterns in data visualizations.
* 8.1.2.DA.4: Make predictions based on data using charts or graphs.
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| **Modifications** |
| **English Language Learners** | **Special Education** | **At-Risk** | **Gifted and Talented** | **504** |
| ScaffoldingWord wallsSentence/paragraph framesBilingual dictionaries/translationThink aloudsRead aloudsHighlight key vocabularyAnnotation guidesThink-pair- shareVisual aidesModelingCognates | Word wallsVisual aidesGraphic organizersMultimediaLeveled readersAssistive technologyNotes/summariesExtended timeAnswer maskingAnswer eliminatorHighlighterColor contrast | Teacher tutoringPeer tutoringStudy guidesGraphic organizersExtended timeParent communicationModified assignmentsCounseling | Curriculum compactingChallenge assignmentsEnrichment activitiesTiered activitiesIndependent research/inquiryCollaborative teamworkHigher level questioningCritical/Analytical thinking tasksSelf-directed activities | Word wallsVisual aidesGraphic organizersMultimediaLeveled readersAssistive technologyNotes/summariesExtended timeAnswer maskingAnswer eliminatorHighlighterColor contrastParent communicationModified assignmentsCounseling |

| **Kindergarten Unit 1: Pushes and Pulls** |
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| **K-PS Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions** |
| **K-PS2-1. Plan and conduct an investigation to compare the effects of different strengths or different directions of pushes and pulls on the motion of an object.** |
| **Clarification Statement:** Examples of pushes or pulls could include a string attached to an object being pulled, a person pushing an object, a person stopping a rolling ball, and two objects colliding and pushing on each other. |
| **Assessment Boundary:** Assessment is limited to different relative strengths or different directions, but not both at the same time. Assessment does not include non-contact pushes or pulls such as those produced by magnets. |
| **Science & Engineering Practices** | **Disciplinary Core Ideas** | **Cross-Cutting Concepts** |
| [**Planning and Carrying out Investigations**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#59)[Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or and progresses to simple investigations, based on fair tests, which provide data to support explanations or design solutions.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#59)[With guidance, plan and conduct an investigation in collaboration with peers.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#59) **Connections to the Nature of Science** **Scientific Investigations Use a Variety of Methods** Scientists use different ways to study the world.  | [**PS2.A: Forces and Motion**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#114)[Pushes and pulls can have different strengths and directions. Pushing or pulling on an object can change the speed or direction of its motion and can start or stop it.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#114)[**PS2.B: Types of Interactions**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#116)[When objects touch or collide, they push on one another and can change motion.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#116) [**PS3.C: Relationship Between Energy and Forces**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#126)[A bigger push or pull makes things speed up or slow down more quickly. (secondary)](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#126)  | [**Cause and Effect**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/8#87)[Simple tests can be designed to gather evidence to support or refute student ideas about causes.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/8#87) |
| **Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: N/A** |
| **Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 3.PS2.A ; 3.PS2.B** |
| **NJSLS- ELA: W.K.7** |
| **NJSLS- Math: MP.2; K.MD.A.1; K.MD.A.2** |
| 5E Model |
| **K-PS2-1. Plan and conduct an investigation to compare the effects of different strengths or different directions of pushes and pulls on the motion of an object.** |
| **Engage** **Anticipatory Set** | BrainPOP: Pushes and Pulls <https://jr.brainpop.com/search/?keyword=pushes+and+pulls>  Pushes and Pulls Using this interactive website, students can explore hard and soft pushes and pulls. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/5_6/pushes_pulls.shtml> Pushes and Pulls Use the following lesson to activate students' previous knowledge of pushes and pulls with sorting activities. Picture cards included.<http://www.harmonydc.org/Curriculum/pdf/kindersample.pdf> The Push and Pull Song <http://www.cape.k12.mo.us/blanchard/hicks/news%20pages/scienceforcepoems.htm> Suggested Read Alouds *Motion by Darlene R. Stille* *How Things Move by Don L. Curry* *Give it a Push! Give it a Pull! by Jennifer Boothroyd* *Everyone Shouted, “PULL!” by Claire Llewellyn*   |
| **Exploration** **Student Inquiry** | Introduction to Force and Motion In this introductory lesson, students will learn that force and motion are all around them! <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/638992/introduction-to-force-and-motion> Forces and Interaction: Push and Pull The following experiments will introduce students to the topics of pushes and pulls. 1. Soda Bottle Bowling 2. Simple Chair Pulley 3. Ramps and Matchbox Cars <https://www.weareteachers.com/simple-physics-experiments-for-kids-pushing-and-pulling/> |
| **Explanation** **Concepts and Practices** | In these lessons: Teachers should: Introduce formal labels, definitions, and explanations for concepts, practices, skills or abilities. Students should: Verbalize conceptual understandings and demonstrate scientific and engineering practices. Topics to Be Discussed in Teacher Directed Lessons (Disciplinary Core Ideas): [PS2.A: Forces and Motion Pushes and pulls can have different strengths and directions. Pushing or pulling on an object can change the speed or direction of its motion and can start or stop it.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#114) [PS2.B: Types of Interactions When objects touch or collide, they push on one another and can change motion.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#116) [PS3.C: Relationship Between Energy and Forces A bigger push or pull makes things speed up or slow down more quickly. (secondary)](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#126) |
| **Elaboration** **Extension Activity** | SMART Board Activities: Pushes and Pulls <http://exchange.smarttech.com/search.html?q=pushes+and+pulls&subject=Science&grade=Kindergarten&region=en_US> Push or Pull Game <http://www.learningliftoff.com/kindergarten-science-learning-game-push-pull/#.WD2miNUrLIV> Additional Related Activities <http://ngss.nsta.org/DisplayStandard.aspx?view=pe&id=23> |
| **Evaluation** **Assessment Tasks** | [With guidance, plan and conduct an investigation in collaboration with peers.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#59) Assessment Task A [Forces and Interaction: Push and Pull- Performance Rubric](https://www.weareteachers.com/simple-physics-experiments-for-kids-pushing-and-pulling/)  |

| **Kindergarten Unit 1: Pushes and Pulls** |
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| **K-PS2 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions** |
| **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.** |
| **Clarification Statement:** Examples of problems requiring a solution could include having a marble or other object move a certain distance, follow a particular path, and knock down other objects. Examples of solutions could include tools such as a ramp to increase the speed of the object and a structure that would cause an object such as a marble or ball to turn. |
| **Assessment Boundary:** Assessment does not include friction as a mechanism for change in speed. |
| **Science & Engineering Practices** | **Disciplinary Core Ideas** | **Cross-Cutting Concepts** |
| [**Analyzing and Interpreting Data**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#61)[Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#61)[Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#61)  | [**PS2.A: Forces and Motion**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#114)[Pushes and pulls can have different strengths and directions.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#114)[Pushing or pulling on an object can change the speed or direction of its motion and can start or stop it.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#114)**ETS1.A: Defining Engineering Problems** 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)  | [**Cause and Effect**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/8#87)[Simple tests can be designed to gather evidence to support or refute student ideas about causes.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/8#87)  |
| **Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: K.ETS1.A ; K.ETS1.B** |
| **Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 2.ETS1.B; 3.PS2.A ; 4.PS3.A ; 4.EST1.A** |
| **NJSLS- ELA: RI.K.1; RI.K.1** |
| **NJSLS- Math: N/A** |
| 5E Model |
| **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.** |
| **Engage** **Anticipatory Set** | Force and Motion <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfeVlNL7d9U>  Sid the Science Kid: Inclined Planes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eOX5X6KLpL8&list=PL609_mdE9rpuMGO5ZvR-UlrPaiN_8OlQC>  Ramps: A Super, Simple Machine! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3COvm0TtxWg> |
| **Exploration** **Student Inquiry** | Stop It! Exploring Forces on Moving Objects In this lesson, students will be able to explain what is needed to stop an object by completing a simple investigation. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/635423/stop-it-exploring-forces-on-moving-objects>Changing Direction: A Change of Direction-Exploring the Impact of Forces In this lesson, students will be able to determine a way to change the direction of a moving object by conducting a simple experiment. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/635429/a-change-of-direction-exploring-the-impact-of-forces> Ramps: Let It Roll In this lesson, students will explore and measure the rate of spherical objects rolling down a ramp. <http://sciencenetlinks.com/lessons/ramps-1-let-it-roll/> |
| **Explanation** **Concepts and Practices** | In these lessons: Teachers should: Introduce formal labels, definitions, and explanations for concepts, practices, skills or abilities. Students should: Verbalize conceptual understandings and demonstrate scientific and engineering practices. Topics to Be Discussed in Teacher Directed Lessons (Disciplinary Core Ideas): [PS2.A: Forces and Motion](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#114)[Pushes and pulls can have different strengths and directions.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#114)[Pushing or pulling on an object can change the speed or direction of its motion and can start or stop it.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#114) ETS1.A: Defining Engineering Problems 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)  |
| **Elaboration** **Extension Activity** | 19 Fun Ideas and Resources for Force and Motion <http://www.teachjunkie.com/sciences/19-fun-ideas-resources-force-and-motion/> Push-Me, Pull-Me Toys The following lesson is about creating push or pull toys. You can modify the lesson to make it easier for your classroom. <http://www.learnnc.org/lp/editions/designtech/6805> Three Simple Science Experiments with Momentum <http://frugalfun4boys.com/2012/12/06/easy-science-experiments-with-momentum/> Ramps, Angle and Measuring <http://www.weareteachers.com/exploring-potential-and-kinetic-energy/> Ramp Builder In this lesson, students will plan, build, and test a ramp that allows objects to roll far. <http://sciencenetlinks.com/lessons/ramps-2-ramp-builder/> |
| **Evaluation** **Assessment Tasks** | [Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#61) Assessment Task A [Will It Stop the Car Investigation Recording Sheet & Discussion Questions](https://betterlesson.com/lesson/resource/3177260/will-it-stop-the-car-investigation-recording-sheet-pdf?from=resource_image) Assessment Task B A Change of Direction: Prediction Recording Sheet & Discussion Questions  Assessment Task C Ramps: Let It Roll- Assessment Activities  |

| **Kindergarten Unit 1: Pushes and Pulls** |
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| **K-2-ETS1-3 Engineering Design** |
| **K-2-ETS1-3 Analyze data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths and weaknesses of how each performs.** |
| **Clarification Statement: N/A** |
| **Assessment Boundary: N/A** |
| **Science & Engineering Practices** | **Disciplinary Core Ideas** | **Cross-Cutting Concepts** |
| **Analyzing and Interpreting Data** Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended. | **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.  |  |
| **Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: Second Grade: 2-ESS2-1** |
| **Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 3-5.ETS1.A ; 3-5.ETS1.C** |
| **NJSLS- ELA: W.2.6, W.2.8** |
| **NJSLS- Math: MP.2, MP.4, MP.5; 2.MD.D.10** |

| **Unit 2 Overview** |
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| [**Effects of the Sun**](http://www.nj.gov/education/modelcurriculum/sci/ku2.pdf) |
| **Grade: K** |
| **Content Area: Physical Science** |
| **Pacing: 25 days** |
| **Essential Question** |
| How can we use science to keep a playground cool in the summertime? |
| **Student Learning Objectives (Performance Expectations)** |
| **K-PS3-1 Make observations to determine the effect of sunlight on Earth’s surface.** |
| **K-PS3-2 Use tools and materials provided to design and build a structure that will reduce the warming effect of sunlight on an area.** |
| **Unit Summary** |
| During this unit of study, students apply an understanding of the effects of the sun on the Earth’s surface. The crosscutting concepts of cause and effect and structure and function are called out as organizing concepts for this disciplinary core idea. Students are expected to demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in developing and using models; planning and carrying out investigations; analyzing and interpreting data; and designing solutions. Students are also expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas. |
| **Technical Terms** |
| Sun, Energy, Absorption, Solar Energy, Shade, Heat, Shadows, Daytime, Night time, Solar System, Planets |
| **Formative Assessment Measures** |
| ***Part A: How does sunlight affect the playground?*** |
| *Students who understand the concepts are able to:*• Observe patterns in events generated by cause-and-effect relationships.• Make observations (firsthand or from media) to collect data that can be used to make comparisons.• Make observations to determine the effect of sunlight on Earth’s surface. (Assessment of temperature is limited to relative measures such as warmer/cooler.)• Examples of Earth’s surface could include: Sand, Soil, Rocks, Water |
| ***Part B: Imagine that we have been asked to design a new playground. How would we keep the sand, soil, rocks, and water found on the playground cool during the summer?*** |
| *Students who understand the concepts are able to:*• Observe patterns in events generated by cause-and-effect relationships.• Describe how the shape and stability of structures are related to their function.• Use tools and materials provided to design and build a device that solves a specific problem or a solution to a specific problem.• Use tools and materials to design and build a structure (e.g., umbrellas, canopies, tents) that will reduce the warming effect of sunlight on an area.• 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.• Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended.• Analyze data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths |
| **Interdisciplinary Connections** |
| **NJSLS- ELA** | **NJSLS- Mathematics** |
| Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of books by a favorite author and express opinions about them). (K-PS3-1),(K-PS3-2) W.K.7 Directly compare two objects with a measurable attribute in common, to see which object has “more of”/”less of” the attribute, and describe the difference. (K- PS3-1) K.MD.A.2 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" 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),(K-2-ETS1-3) W.2.6" Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3) 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. (K-2-ETS1-2) SL.2.5"  | Directly compare two objects with a measurable attribute in common, to see which object has “more of”/”less of” the attribute, and describe the difference. (K-PS3-2) K.MD.A.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3) MP.2 Model with mathematics. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3) MP.4 Use appropriate tools strategically. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3) 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. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2- ETS1-3) 2.MD.D.10  |
| **Core Instructional Materials** | Textbooks Series, Lab Materials, etc. |
| **Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills** | Life Literacies and Key Skills* 9.4.2.CT.1: Gather information about an issue, such as climate change, and collaboratively brainstorm ways to solve the problem (e.g., K-2-ETS1-1, 6.3.2.GeoGI.2).
* 9.4.2.CT.3: Use a variety of types of thinking to solve problems (e.g., inductive, deductive).
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| **Computer Science and Design Thinking** | Computer Science* 8.1.2.DA.1: Collect and present data, including climate change data, in various visual formats.
* 8.1.2.DA.3: Identify and describe patterns in data visualizations.
* 8.2.2.ED.2: Collaborate to solve a simple problem, or to illustrate how to build a product using the design process.
* 8.1.2.DA.4: Make predictions based on data using charts or graphs.
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| **Modifications** |
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| **Kindergarten Unit 2: Effects of the Sun** |
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| **K-PS3 Energy** |
| **K-PS3-1 Make observations to determine the effect of sunlight on Earth’s surface.** |
| **Clarification Statement:** Examples of Earth’s surface could include sand, soil, rocks, and water. |
| **Assessment Boundary:** Assessment of temperature is limited to relative measures such as warmer/cooler**.** |
| **Science & Engineering Practices** | **Disciplinary Core Ideas** | **Cross-Cutting Concepts** |
| [**Planning and Carrying Out Investigations**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#59)[Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple investigations, based on fair tests, which provide data to support explanations or design solutions.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#59)[Make observations (firsthand or from media) to collect data that can be used to make comparisons.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#59)  C**onnections to Nature of Science** **Scientific Investigations Use a Variety of Methods**Scientists use different ways to study the world.  | [**PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#124)[Sunlight warms Earth’s surface.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#124)  | [**Cause and Effect**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/8#87)[Events have causes that generate observable patterns.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/8#87)  |
| **Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: N/A** |
| **Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 1.PS4.B ; 3.ESS2.D** |
| **NJSLS- ELA: W.K.7** |
| **NJSLS- Math: K.MD.A.2** |
| 5E Model |
| **K-PS3-1 Make observations to determine the effect of sunlight on Earth’s surface.** |
| **Engage** **Anticipatory Set** | BrainPOP Jr: The Sun <https://jr.brainpop.com/science/space/sun/> Mr. Sun: Song for Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lFIv7s8Xceo&list=PL1wrsEJEvZjbRQhwU-r--6LDo8tMLWYSL>  |
| **Exploration** **Student Inquiry** | Learning About the Sun Students see the sun almost every day, but do they really understand what the sun is and its important role in our lives? This lesson will help them build a basic understanding about the sun. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/642295/learning-about-the-sun>Feel the Heat! In the following lesson, students will demonstrate and observe the effects of sunlight on the Earth’s surface. Students will learn about how the surfaces of the Earth absorb energy in the form of sunlight at different rates. <https://www.boreal.com/www.boreal.com/images/kindergarten_temp_probe-_final.pdf> Exploring Day and Night In this activity, students will be able to explain the phenomena of day and night by participating in an inquiry investigation. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/643721/exploring-day-and-night> |
| **Explanation** **Concepts and Practices** | In these lessons: Teachers should: Introduce formal labels, definitions, and explanations for concepts, practices, skills or abilities. Students should: Verbalize conceptual understandings and demonstrate scientific and engineering practices. Topics to Be Discussed in Teacher Directed Lessons (Disciplinary Core Ideas): [PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#124)[Sunlight warms Earth’s surface](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#124)  |
| **Elaboration** **Extension Activity** | Sunlight Warms Earth's Surface In this unit, students explore the effect of sunlight on Earth’s natural surfaces of sand, soil, rock and water. Students learn that surfaces in sunlight are warmer than those surfaces in the shade. In addition, students explore how the color and material of a surface affects how warm it gets after being in sunlight. Students use tools and materials to build a prototype that reduces the warming effect of sunlight. <http://millriverschools.org/documents/drivesync/Curriculum%20Website/Science/GL%20K/mcu-SCIgK-SunlightWarms.pdf> Sun’s Effect On Earth’s Surface Experiment <http://camsp.kcusd.com/files/Documents/The_Sun_Classwork__Homework-2013-07-26.pdf> |
| **Evaluation** **Assessment Tasks** | [Make observations (firsthand or from media) to collect data that can be used to make comparisons.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#59) Assessment Task A [Learning About the Sun: The Sun Book](https://betterlesson.com/lesson/resource/3259137/the-sun-book-pdf?from=lessonsection_narrative)  Assessment Task B [Feel the Heat: Data Table and Temperature Bar Graph pg. 8-9](https://www.boreal.com/www.boreal.com/images/kindergarten_temp_probe-_final.pdf)  Assessment Task C Exploring Day and Night- Discussion Questions  |

| **Kindergarten Unit 2: Effects of the Sun** |
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| **K-PS3 Energy** |
| **K-PS3-2 Use tools and materials provided to design and build a structure that will reduce the warming effect of sunlight on an area.** |
| **Clarification Statement:** Examples of structures could include umbrellas, canopies, and tents that minimize the warming effect of the sun. |
| **Assessment Boundary:** N/A |
| **Science & Engineering Practices** | **Disciplinary Core Ideas** | **Cross-Cutting Concepts** |
| [**Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#67) [Constructing explanations and designing solutions in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to the use of evidence and ideas in constructing evidence-based accounts of natural phenomena and designing solutions.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#67)[Use tools and materials provided to design and build a device that solves a specific problem or a solution to a specific problem.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#67)  | [**PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#124)[Sunlight warms Earth’s surface.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#124) | [**Cause and Effect**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/8#87)[Events have causes that generate observable patterns.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/8#87)  |
| **Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: K.ETS1.A ; K.ETS1.B** |
| **Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 1.PS4.B ; 2.ETS1.B ; 4.ETS1.A** |
| **NJSLS- ELA: W.K.7** |
| **NJSLS- Math: K.MD.A.2** |
| 5E Model |
| **K-PS3-2 Use tools and materials provided to design and build a structure that will reduce the warming effect of sunlight on Earth’s surface.** |
| **Engage** **Anticipatory Set** | Crash Course Kids: Here Comes the Sun <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6FB0rDsR_rc> I'm So Hot: The Sun Song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-kzdR93bqw>  |
| **Exploration** **Student Inquiry** | Sunlight Warms Earth's Surface In this unit, students explore the effect of sunlight on Earth’s natural surfaces of sand, soil, rock and water. Students learn that surfaces in sunlight are warmer than those surfaces in the shade. In addition, students explore how the color and material of a surface affects how warm it gets after being in sunlight. Students use tools and materials to build a prototype that reduces the warming effect of sunlight. Lesson 6: Using Tools to Build a Model Lesson 7: Beach Shelter Prototype <http://millriverschools.org/documents/drivesync/Curriculum%20Website/Science/GL%20K/mcu-SCIgK-SunlightWarms.pdf> A Place in the Shade: An Engineering Challenge In this lesson, students will demonstrate knowledge of the engineering and design process by creating a structure that provides shade. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/644795/a-place-in-the-shade-an-engineering-challenge>Still Looking For Shade- A Design and Engineering Challenge Continues The students have previously participated in a design and engineering challenge. Now it is time for the student to see if they can improve their structures! <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/645370/still-looking-for-shade-a-design-and-engineering-challenge-continues> |
| **Explanation** **Concepts and Practices** | In these lessons: Teachers should: Introduce formal labels, definitions, and explanations for concepts, practices, skills or abilities. Students should: Verbalize conceptual understandings and demonstrate scientific and engineering practices Topics to Be Discussed in Teacher Directed Lessons (Disciplinary Core Ideas): [PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#124)[Sunlight warms Earth’s surface.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/9#124) |
| **Elaboration** **Extension Activity** | Black or White: An Inquiry Activity about Energy Absorption and Reflection Students will be able to describe which color absorbs more light and heat by participating in an investigation. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/644807/black-or-white-an-inquiry-activity-about-energy-absorption-and-reflection> Additional Related Activities <http://ngss.nsta.org/DisplayStandard.aspx?view=topic&id=3> |
| **Evaluation** **Assessment Tasks** | [Use tools and materials provided to design and build a device that solves a specific problem or a solution to a specific problem.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#67) Assessment Task A [Beach Shelter Prototype: Model Rubric pg. 30-31](http://millriverschools.org/documents/drivesync/Curriculum%20Website/Science/GL%20K/mcu-SCIgK-SunlightWarms.pdf)  Assessment Task B A Place in the Shade: Model Testing and Discussion Questions  |

| **Kindergarten Unit 2: Effects of the Sun** |
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| **K-2-ETS1-1: Engineering Design**  |
| **K-2-ETS1-1: 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.** |
| **Clarification Statement:** N/A |
| **Assessment Boundary:** N/A |
| **Science & Engineering Practices** | **Disciplinary Core Ideas** | **Cross-Cutting Concepts** |
| [**Asking Questions and Defining Problems**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#54)[Asking questions and defining problems in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple descriptive questions.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#54)[Ask questions based on observations to find more information about the natural and/or designed world(s).](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#54) [Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#54) | **ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems**A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering. (K-2- ETS1-1)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-2- ETS1-1)Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly understand the problem. (K-2- ETS1-1) |  |
| **Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: Kindergarten- K-PS2-2, K-ESS3-2** |
| **Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 3-5.ETS1.A ; 3-5.ETS1.C** |
| **NJSLS- ELA: RI.2.1, W.2.6, W.2.8** |
| **NJSLS- Math: MP.2, MP.4, MP.5, 2.MD.D.10** |

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| **K-2-ETS1-2 Engineering Design** |
| **K-2- ETS1-2. 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.** |
| **Clarification Statement:** Examples of devices could include a light source to send signals, paper cup and string “telephones,” and a pattern of drum beats. |
| **Assessment Boundary:** Assessment does not include technological details for how communication devices work. |
| **Science & Engineering Practices** | **Disciplinary Core Ideas** | **Cross-Cutting Concepts** |
| [**Developing and Using Models**](http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=13165&page=56)[Modeling in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to include using and developing models (i.e., diagram, drawing, physical replica, diorama, dramatization, or storyboard) that represent concrete events or design solutions.](http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=13165&page=56)[Develop a simple model based on evidence to represent a proposed object or tool. (K-2-ETS1-2)](http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=13165&page=56)  | **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, such as climate change, to other people. (K-2-ETS1-2) | [**Structure and Function**](http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=13165&page=96) [The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s). (K-2-ETS1-2)](http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=13165&page=96)   |
| **Connections to K-2-ETS1.B: Kindergarten K-ESS3-3; First Grade 1-PS4-4; Second Grade 2-LS2-2** |
| **Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 3-5.ETS1.A; 3-5.ETS1.B; 3-5.ETS1.C** |
| **NJSLS- ELA: SL.2.5** |
| **NJSLS- Math: N/A** |

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| **K-2-ETS1-3 Engineering Design** |
| **K-2-ETS1-3 Analyze data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths and weaknesses of how each performs.** |
| **Clarification Statement: N/A** |
| **Assessment Boundary: N/A** |
| **Science & Engineering Practices** | **Disciplinary Core Ideas** | **Cross-Cutting Concepts** |
| **Analyzing and Interpreting Data** Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended. | **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.  |  |
| **Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: Second Grade: 2-ESS2-1** |
| **Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 3-5.ETS1.A ; 3-5.ETS1.C** |
| **NJSLS- ELA: W.2.6, W.2.8** |
| **NJSLS- Math: MP.2, MP.4, MP.5; 2.MD.D.10** |

| **Unit 3 Overview** |
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| [**Unit 3: Weather**](http://www.state.nj.us/education/modelcurriculum/sci/ku3.pdf) |
| **Grade: K** |
| **Content Area: Earth and Space Science** |
| **Pacing: 15 days** |
| **Essential Question** |
| How does weather forecasting help to keep people safe? |
| **Student Learning Objectives (Performance Expectations)** |
| **K-ESS2-1 Use and share observations of local weather conditions to describe patterns over time.** |
| **K-ESS3-2 Ask questions to obtain information about the purpose of weather forecasting to prepare for, and respond to, severe weather.** |
| **Unit Summary** |
| In this unit of study, students develop an understanding of patterns and variations in local weather and the use of weather forecasting to prepare for and respond to severe weather. The crosscutting concepts of patterns; cause and effect; interdependence of science, engineering, and technology; and the influence of engineering, technology, and science on society and the natural world are called out as organizing concepts for the disciplinary core ideas. Students are expected to demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in asking questions, analyzing and interpreting data, and obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information. Students are also expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas. |
| **Technical Terms** |
| Weather, Forecast, Meteorologist, Temperature, Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall, Thunderstorm, Hurricane, Tornado, Blizzard |
| **Formative Assessment Measures** |
| ***Part A: What types of patterns can be observed in local weather conditions?*** |
| *Students who understand the concepts are able to:**•* Observe and use patterns in the natural world as evidence and to describe phenomena. • Use observations (firsthand or from media) to describe patterns in the natural world in order to answer scientific questions. • Use and share observations of local weather conditions to describe patterns over time. (Assessment of quantitative observations limited to whole numbers and relative measures such as warmer/cooler.) • Examples of qualitative observations could include descriptions of the weather, such as sunny, cloudy, rainy, and warm. Examples of quantitative observations could include numbers of sunny, windy, and rainy days in a month. Examples of patterns could include that it is usually cooler in the morning than in the afternoon. |
| ***Part B: How does weather forecasting help us to prepare for and respond to severe weather?*** |
| *Students who understand the concepts are able to:*• Observe patterns in events generated by cause-and-effect relationships. • Read grade-appropriate texts and/or use media to obtain scientific information to describe patterns in the natural world. • Ask questions based on observations to find more information about the designed world. • Ask questions to obtain information about the purpose of weather forecasting to prepare for and respond to severe weather. (Emphasis is on local forms of severe weather.) • Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool. • Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change in order to define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.  |
| **Interdisciplinary Connections** |
| **NJSLS- ELA** | **NJSLS- Mathematics** |
| Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of books by a favorite author and express opinions about them). (K-ESS2-1) W.K.7 With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text. (K-ESS3-2) RI.K.1 Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood. (K-ESS3-2) SL.K.3  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 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 Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (K-2-ETS1-1) W.2.8 | Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (K-ESS2-1),(K-2-ETS1-1) MP.2 Model with mathematics. (K-ESS2-1),(K-ESS3-2),(K-2-ETS1-1) MP.4 Use appropriate tools strategically. (K-2-ETS1-1) MP.5 Counting and Cardinality (K-ESS3-2) K.CC Know number names and the count sequence. (K-ESS2-1) K.CC.A Describe measurable attributes of objects, such as length or weight. Describe several measurable attributes of a single object. (K-ESS2-1) K.MD.A.1 Classify objects into given categories; count the number of objects in each category and sort the categories by count. (K-ESS2-1) K.MD.B.3 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. (K-2-ETS1-1) 2.MD.D.10 Describe measurable attributes of objects, such as length or weight. Describe several measurable attributes of a single object. (K-ESS2-1) K.MD.A.1 Classify objects into given categories; count the number of objects in each category and sort the categories by count. (K-ESS2-1) K.MD.B.3 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. (K-2-ETS1-1) 2.MD.D.10  |
| **Core Instructional Materials** | Textbooks Series, Lab Materials, etc. |
| **Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills** | 9.4 Life Literacies and Key Skills* 9.4.2.IML.2: Represent data in a visual format to tell a story about the data (e.g., 2.MD.D.10).
* 9.4.2.CT.3: Use a variety of types of thinking to solve problems (e.g., inductive, deductive).
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| **Computer Science and Design Thinking** | 8.1 Computer Science* 8.1.2.DA.1: Collect and present data, including climate change data, in various visual formats.
* 8.1.2.DA.3: Identify and describe patterns in data visualizations.
* 8.2.2.ED.2: Collaborate to solve a simple problem, or to illustrate how to build a product using the design process.
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| **Modifications** |
| **English Language Learners** | **Special Education** | **At-Risk** | **Gifted and Talented** | **504** |
| ScaffoldingWord wallsSentence/paragraph framesBilingual dictionaries/translationThink aloudsRead aloudsHighlight key vocabularyAnnotation guidesThink-pair- shareVisual aidesModelingCognates | Word wallsVisual aidesGraphic organizersMultimediaLeveled readersAssistive technologyNotes/summariesExtended timeAnswer maskingAnswer eliminatorHighlighterColor contrast | Teacher tutoringPeer tutoringStudy guidesGraphic organizersExtended timeParent communicationModified assignmentsCounseling | Curriculum compactingChallenge assignmentsEnrichment activitiesTiered activitiesIndependent research/inquiryCollaborative teamworkHigher level questioningCritical/Analytical thinking tasksSelf-directed activities | Word wallsVisual aidesGraphic organizersMultimediaLeveled readersAssistive technologyNotes/summariesExtended timeAnswer maskingAnswer eliminatorHighlighterColor contrastParent communicationModified assignmentsCounseling |

| **Kindergarten Unit 3: Weather** |
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| **K-ESS2 Earth's Systems** |
| **K-ESS2-1 Use and share observations of local weather conditions to describe patterns over time.** |
| **Clarification Statement:** Examples of qualitative observations could include descriptions of the weather (such as sunny, cloudy, rainy, and warm); examples of quantitative observations could include numbers of sunny, windy, and rainy days in a month. Examples of patterns could include that it is usually cooler in the morning than in the afternoon and the number of sunny days versus cloudy days in different months. |
| **Assessment Boundary:** Assessment of quantitative observations limited to whole numbers and relative measures such as warmer/cooler. |
| **Science & Engineering Practices** | **Disciplinary Core Ideas** | **Cross-Cutting Concepts** |
| [**Analyzing and Interpreting Data**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#61)[Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#61)[Use observations (firsthand or from media) to describe patterns in the natural world in order to answer scientific questions.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#61)**Connections to Nature of Science** **Science Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence** Scientists look for patterns and order when making observations about the world.  | [**ESS2.D: Weather and Climate**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#186) [Weather is the combination of sunlight, wind, snow or rain, and temperature in a particular region at a particular time. People measure these conditions to describe and record the weather and to notice patterns over time.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#186) | [**Patterns**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/8#85)[Patterns in the natural world can be observed, used to describe phenomena, and used as evidence.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/8#85)  |
| **Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: N/A** |
| **Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 2.ESS2.A ; 3.ESS2.D ; 4.ESS2.A** |
| **NJSLS- ELA: W.K.7** |
| **NJSLS- Math: MP.2 MP.4; K.CC.A; K.MD.A.1; K.MD.B.3** |
| 5E Model |
| **K-ESS2-1 Use and share observations of local weather conditions to describe patterns over time.** |
| **Engage Anticipatory Set** | BrainPOP Jr: Seasons, Temperature, Fall, Spring, Winter and Summer <https://jr.brainpop.com/science/weather/seasons/> <https://jr.brainpop.com/science/weather/temperature/> <https://jr.brainpop.com/science/weather/fall/> <https://jr.brainpop.com/science/weather/spring/> <https://jr.brainpop.com/science/weather/winter/> <https://jr.brainpop.com/science/weather/summer/> What Do I Wear?- An Introduction to Weather In this lesson, students will identify with different types of weather by understanding the different physical needs for each type of weather. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/639903/what-do-i-wear-an-introduction-to-weather>Suggested Read Alouds <http://www.lindaglaserauthor.com/celebrate-the-seasons-1/> |
| **Exploration** **Student Inquiry** | What is Weather? In this lesson, students will be able to describe weather by listening to a non fiction text by Gail Gibbons. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/640553/what-is-weather> Read Aloud Text: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UeJohy6cHl4> Exploring Weather - One, Two, Three Forecast! In this lesson, students will use weather data they collect to make a prediction and will then compare weather data to an actual forecast to compare results. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/636219/exploring-weather-one-two-three-forecast> Wacky Weather - Olympic Track Start - Tracking Weather In this lesson, students will create a graph to describe and track weather to observe its effects. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/635569/wacky-weather-olympic-track-star-tracking-weather> What Weather? In this lesson, students will create a diagram that forecasts using appropriate elements of weather and science vocabulary.<http://betterlesson.com/lesson/636325/what-weather-assessment>  |
| **Explanation** **Concepts and Practices** | In these lessons: Teachers should: Introduce formal labels, definitions, and explanations for concepts, practices, skills or abilities. Students should: Verbalize conceptual understandings and demonstrate scientific and engineering practices. Topics to Be Discussed in Teacher Directed Lessons (Disciplinary Core Ideas):[ESS2.D: Weather and Climate](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#186)[Weather is the combination of sunlight, wind, snow or rain, and temperature in a particular region at a particular time. People measure these conditions to describe and record the weather and to notice patterns over time.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#186)  |
| **Elaboration** **Extension Activity** | Ever Changing Seasons In this lesson, students will be able to observe a native tree, describe what they see and accurately record their observations. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/628569/the-ever-changing-seasons> Describing Weather- Season Reasons In this lesson, students will create a model to show the Earth's seasonal cycle. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/636177/describing-weather-season-reasons> Additional Related Activities <http://ngss.nsta.org/DisplayStandard.aspx?view=pe&id=31>  |
| **Evaluation** **Assessment Tasks** | [Use observations (firsthand or from media) to describe patterns in the natural world in order to answer scientific questions.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#61) Assessment Task A What Is Weather: Student Response Chart Assessment Task B [My Weather Forecast Chart](https://betterlesson.com/lesson/resource/3224058/weather-forecast-sheet-3-pdf?from=resource_image)  Assessment Task C [My Weather Chart](https://betterlesson.com/lesson/resource/3178126/weather-chart-pdf?from=resource_image)  Assessment Task D [What's the Forecast Worksheet](https://betterlesson.com/lesson/resource/3224131/weather-assessment-1-pdf?from=resource_image)   |

| **Kindergarten Unit 3: Weather** |
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| **K-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity** |
| **K-ESS3-2 Ask questions to obtain information about the purpose of weather forecasting to prepare for, and respond to, severe weather.** |
| **Clarification Statement:** Emphasis is on local forms of severe weather. |
| **Assessment Boundary:** N/A |
| **Science & Engineering Practices** | **Disciplinary Core Ideas** | **Cross-Cutting Concepts** |
| [**Asking Questions and Defining Problems**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#54)[Asking questions and defining problems in grades K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple descriptive questions that can be tested.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#54)[Ask questions based on observations to find more information about the designed world.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#54)[**Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#74)[Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in K–2 builds on prior experiences and uses observations and texts to communicate new information.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#74) [Read grade-appropriate texts and/or use media to obtain scientific information to describe patterns in the natural world.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#74) | [**ESS3.B: Natural Hazards**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#192)[Some kinds of severe weather are more likely than others in a given region. Weather scientists forecast severe weather so that the communities can prepare for and respond to these events.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#192) [**ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting an Engineering Problem**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/12#204)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-2- ETS1-1) | [**Cause and Effect**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/8#87)[Events have causes that generate observable patterns.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/8#87) [**Connections to Engineering,Technology, and Application of Science**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/12#210)[Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/12#210)[People encounter questions about the natural world every day.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/12#210) **I**[**nfluence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/12#212)[People depend on various technologies in their lives; human life would be very different without technology.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/12#212)  |
| **Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: K.ETS1.A** |
| **Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 2.ESS1.C ; 3.ESS3.B ; 4.ESS3.B** |
| **NJSLS- ELA: RI.K.1; SL.K.3** |
| **NJSLS- Math: MP.4; K.CC** |
| 5E Model |
| **K-ESS3-2 Ask questions to obtain information about the purpose of weather forecasting to prepare for, and respond to, severe weather** |
| **Engage** **Anticipatory Set** | Crash Course Kids: What Is Severe Weather? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVZExLO0MWA> Nat Geo Kids- Wonder About Weather: Wacky Weather, Hurricanes, Tornadoes & Thunderstorms Wacky Weather: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZVtgOK8uTw&list=PLQlnTldJs0ZQ67D3cB0HVlAf3H_y8u54T&index=1> Hurricanes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ThJiqgUY2c&list=PLQlnTldJs0ZQ67D3cB0HVlAf3H_y8u54T&index=3>Tornadoes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HmONWtpzRq4&index=5&list=PLQlnTldJs0ZQ67D3cB0HVlAf3H_y8u54T> Thunderstorms: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CU0enuGnSjY&list=PLQlnTldJs0ZQ67D3cB0HVlAf3H_y8u54T&index=8>  |
| **Exploration** **Student Inquiry** | Severe Weather: Storm Alert! In this lesson, students will learn and demonstrate safety measures to follow in a storm. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/636641/severe-weather-storm-alert> Severe Weather - Tornadoes - Dorothy was Right! In this lesson, students will create a model to better understand and observe the structure of a tornado. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/636193/severe-weather-tornados-dorothy-was-right> Severe Weather: Hurricanes- Tropical Storms Run Amok! In this lesson, students will be able to explain the structure of a hurricane by building a model. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/636813/severe-weather-hurricanes-tropical-storms-run-amok> Severe Weather - Blizzard - Let it Snow! In this lesson, students will explain how snowflakes are formed to cause blizzards by sketching different crystals. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/636967/severe-weather-blizzards-let-it-snow> |
| **Explanation** **Concepts and Practices** | In these lessons: Teachers should: Introduce formal labels, definitions, and explanations for concepts, practices, skills or abilities. Students should: Verbalize conceptual understandings and demonstrate scientific and engineering practices. Topics to Be Discussed in Teacher Directed Lessons (Disciplinary Core Ideas): [ESS3.B: Natural Hazards](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#192) [Some kinds of severe weather are more likely than others in a given region. Weather scientists forecast severe weather so that the communities can prepare for and respond to these events.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#192)[ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting an Engineering Problem](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/12#204) 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-2- ETS1-1) |
| **Elaboration** **Extension Activity** | Make Your Own Snow <http://www.savvysassymoms.com/blog/diy-play-snow/>  Make a Hurricane <http://www.giftofcuriosity.com/make-a-hurricane-extreme-weather-science/> Tornado In a Bottle <http://worldforlearning.com/make-tornado-in-a-bottle/> |
| **Evaluation** **Assessment Tasks** | [Ask questions based on observations to find more information about the designed world.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#54) Assessment Task A When completing the Exploration Activities above, teacher should record student questions related to severe weather and lead a class discussion following each activity to address these questions.  |

| **Kindergarten Unit 3: Weather** |
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| **K-2-ETS1-1: Engineering Design**  |
| **K-2-ETS1-1: 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.** |
| **Clarification Statement:** N/A |
| **Assessment Boundary:** N/A |
| **Science & Engineering Practices** | **Disciplinary Core Ideas** | **Cross-Cutting Concepts** |
| [**Asking Questions and Defining Problems**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#54)[Asking questions and defining problems in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple descriptive questions.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#54)[Ask questions based on observations to find more information about the natural and/or designed world(s).](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#54)[Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#54) | **ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems**A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering. (K-2- ETS1-1)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-2- ETS1-1)Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly understand the problem. (K-2- ETS1-1) |  |
| **Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: Kindergarten- K-PS2-2, K-ESS3-2** |
| **Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 3-5.ETS1.A ; 3-5.ETS1.C** |
| **NJSLS- ELA: RI.2.1, W.2.6, W.2.8** |
| **NJSLS- Math: MP.2, MP.4, MP.5, 2.MD.D.10** |

| **Unit 4 Overview** |
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| [**Unit 4: Basic Needs of Living Things**](http://www.state.nj.us/education/modelcurriculum/sci/ku4.pdf) |
| **Grade: Kindergarten** |
| **Content Area: Life & Earth Science** |
| **Pacing: 30 Instructional Days** |
| **Essential Question** |
| How do plants get the things that they need to live and grow? |
| **Student Learning Objectives (Performance Expectations)** |
| **K-LS1-1 Use observations to describe patterns of what plants and animals (including humans) need to survive.** |
| **K-ESS3-1 Use a model to represent the relationship between the needs of different plants and animals (including humans) and the places they live.** |
| **K-ESS2-2: Construct an argument supported by evidence for how plants and animals (including humans) can change the environment to meet their needs.** |
| **Unit Summary** |
| In this unit of study, students develop an understanding of what plants and animals need to survive and the relationship between their needs and where they live. Students compare and contrast what plants and animals need to survive and the relationship between the needs of living things and where they live. The crosscutting concepts of patterns and systems and system models are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. Students are expected to demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in developing and using models, analyzing and interpreting data, and engaging in argument from evidence. Students are also expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas. |
| **Technical Terms** |
| Nonliving, Living, Object, Plant, Animal, Need, Air, Water, Food, Light, Space, Shelter, Habitat, Grow, Change, Leaf, Flowers, Seed, Tree, Land, Field, Pond, Ocean, Desert, Cactus, Cold, Snow, Mountain, Grassland |
| **Formative Assessment Measures** |
| ***Part A: What do plants need to live and grow?*** |
| Students who understand the concepts are able to:• Observe and use patterns in the natural world as evidence. • Use observations (firsthand or from media) to describe patterns in the natural world in order to answer scientific questions. • Use observations to describe patterns in what plants need to survive. Examples of patterns could include: Plants do not need to take in food. All plants require light. All living things need water. • Use observations to describe patterns in what animals need to survive. Examples of patterns could include: Animals need to take in food, but plants do not. Different kinds of food are needed by different types of animals. All living things need water.  |
| ***Part B: What is the relationship between what plants need and where they live?*** |
| Students who understand the concepts are able to:• Observe that systems in the natural and designed world have parts that work together. • Use a model to represent relationships between the needs of different plants and the places they live in the natural world. (Plants, animals, and their surroundings make up a system.) Examples of relationships could include that grasses need sunlight, so they often grow in meadows.Examples of models include diagrams, drawings, physical replicas, dioramas, dramatizations, or storyboards." • Use a model to represent the relationships between the needs of different animals and the places they live in the natural world. (Plants, animals, and their surroundings make up a system.) Examples of relationships could include that deer eat buds and leaves and therefore usually live in forested areas. Examples of models include diagrams, drawings, physical replica, dioramas, dramatizations, and storyboards.  |
| ***Part C: How can plants change their habitat?*** |
| Students who understand the concepts are able to: • Observe that systems in the natural and designed world have parts that work together. • Use a model to represent relationships between the needs of different plants and the places they live in the natural world. (Plants, animals, and their surroundings make up a system.) Examples of relationships could include that grasses need sunlight, so they often grow in meadows. Examples of models include diagrams, drawings, physical replicas, dioramas, dramatizations, or storyboards.  |
| **Interdisciplinary Connections** |
| **NJSLS- ELA** | **NJSLS- Mathematics** |
| Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose opinion pieces in which they tell a reader the topic or the name of the book they are writing about and state an opinion or preference about the topic or book. (K-ESS2-2) W.K.1 Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose informative/explanatory texts in which they name what they are writing about and supply some information about the topic. (K-ESS2-2) W.K.2 Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of books by a favorite author and express opinions about them). (K-LS1-1) W.K.7 Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions as desired to provide additional detail. (K-ESS3-1) SL.K.5 With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text. (K-ESS2-2) R.K.1  | Directly compare two objects with a measurable attribute in common, to see which object has “more of”/”less of” the attribute, and describe the difference. (K-LS1-1) K.MD.A.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (K-ESS3-1) MP.2 Model with mathematics. (K-ESS3-1) MP.4 Counting and Cardinality (K-ESS3-1) K.CC  |
| **Core Instructional Materials** | Textbooks Series, Lab Materials, etc. |
| **Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills** | 9.4 Life Literacies and Key Skills* 9.4.2.TL.6: Illustrate and communicate ideas and stories using multiple digital tools (e.g., SL.2.5.).
* 9.4.2.IML.2: Represent data in a visual format to tell a story about the data (e.g., 2.MD.D.10).
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| **Computer Science and Design Thinking** | 8.1 Computer Science* 8.1.2.DA.1: Collect and present data, including climate change data, in various visual formats.
* 8.2.2.ED.2: Collaborate to solve a simple problem, or to illustrate how to build a product using the design process.
* 8.1.2.DA.3: Identify and describe patterns in data visualizations.
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| **Modifications** |
| **English Language Learners** | **Special Education** | **At-Risk** | **Gifted and Talented** | **504** |
| ScaffoldingWord wallsSentence/paragraph framesBilingual dictionaries/translationThink aloudsRead aloudsHighlight key vocabularyAnnotation guidesThink-pair- shareVisual aidesModelingCognates | Word wallsVisual aidesGraphic organizersMultimediaLeveled readersAssistive technologyNotes/summariesExtended timeAnswer maskingAnswer eliminatorHighlighterColor contrast | Teacher tutoringPeer tutoringStudy guidesGraphic organizersExtended timeParent communicationModified assignmentsCounseling | Curriculum compactingChallenge assignmentsEnrichment activitiesTiered activitiesIndependent research/inquiryCollaborative teamworkHigher level questioningCritical/Analytical thinking tasksSelf-directed activities | Word wallsVisual aidesGraphic organizersMultimediaLeveled readersAssistive technologyNotes/summariesExtended timeAnswer maskingAnswer eliminatorHighlighterColor contrastParent communicationModified assignmentsCounseling |

| **Kindergarten Unit 4: Basic Needs of Living Things** |
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| **K-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes** |
| **K-LS1-1 Use observations to describe patterns of what plants and animals (including humans) need to survive.** |
| **Clarification Statement:** Examples of patterns could include that animals need to take in food but plants do not; the different kinds of food needed by different types of animals; the requirement of plants to have light; and, that all living things need water. |
| **Assessment Boundary: N/A** |
| **Science & Engineering Practices** | **Disciplinary Core Ideas** | **Cross-Cutting Concepts** |
| [**Analyzing and Interpreting Data**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#61)[Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#61)[Use observations (firsthand or from media) to describe patterns in the natural world in order to answer scientific questions.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#61) **Connections to Nature of Science** **Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence** Scientists look for patterns and order when making observations about the world.  | [**LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/10#147)[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.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/10#147) | [**Patterns**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/8#85)[Patterns in the natural world can be observed, used to describe phenomena, and used as evidence.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/8#85)  |
| **Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: N/A** |
| **Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 1.LS1.A ; 2.LS2.A ; 3.LS2.C ; 3.LS4.B ; 5.LS1.C ; 5.LS2.A** |
| **NJSLS- ELA: W.K.7** |
| **NJSLS- Math: K.MD.A.2** |
| 5E Model |
| **K-LS1-1 Use observations to describe patterns of what plants and animals (including humans) need to survive.** |
| **Engage** **Anticipatory Set** | The Needs of An Animal: Song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4UDf3tF_O4> The Needs of a Plant: Song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUBIQ1fTRzI> The Needs of Living Things <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7oYTNFNvqO0&list=PL27j5a_HUHcUgMgMXRot2ZSBnJuhyHaRS&index=10&t=27s> The Needs of Living Things In this introductory lesson, students will learn what animals and plants need to survive, how their habitats support these needs, and how organisms can change their environment. <http://nj.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/tdc02.sci.life.colt.lp_stayalive/the-needs-of-living-things/> |
| **Exploration** **Student Inquiry** | What Do We Need? In this lesson, students will be able to identify basic survival needs by completing a sort. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/631009/what-do-we-need> What Do Plants Need? In this two part lesson, students will describe what plants need to survive by completing a simple investigation. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/640647/what-do-plants-need-part-i> <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/641195/what-do-plants-need-part-ii> Comparing Needs of Plants and Humans In this lesson, students will compare the needs of plants and humans by completing a Venn diagram. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/641203/comparing-needs-of-plants-and-humans> |
| **Explanation** **Concepts and Practices** | In these lessons: Teachers should: Introduce formal labels, definitions, and explanations for concepts, practices, skills or abilities. Students should: Verbalize conceptual understandings and demonstrate scientific and engineering practices. Topics to Be Discussed in Teacher Directed Lessons (Disciplinary Core Ideas): [LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/10#147) [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.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/10#147)  |
| **Elaboration** **Extension Activity** | How Do Interactions Happen with Living Things <http://www.georgetowncollege.edu/ccrp/files/2014/04/How-do-interactions-happen-with-living-things-K-Science-Unit.pdf> Who Needs What? In this lesson, students will identify the physical needs of animals and then speculate on the needs of plants. <https://www.teachengineering.org/lessons/view/duk_sunflower_mary_less> |
| **Evaluation** **Assessment Tasks** | [Use observations (firsthand or from media) to describe patterns in the natural world in order to answer scientific questions.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#61) Assessment Task A [What Do Animal Needs: Needs and Wants Sort](https://betterlesson.com/lesson/resource/3136792/needs-and-wants-activity-sheet-pdf?from=resource_image)   Assessment Task B [What Do Plants Need: Prediction Worksheet](https://betterlesson.com/lesson/resource/3244061/what-do-plants-need-experiment-pdf?from=resource_image)  Assessment Task C [Comparing Human and Plant Need Venn-Diagram](https://betterlesson.com/lesson/resource/3244551/comparing-human-and-plant-needs-pdf?from=lessonsection_narrative)  |

| **Kindergarten Unit 4: Basic Needs of Living Things** |
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| **K-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity** |
| [**K-ESS3-1 Use a model to represent the relationship between the needs of different plants and animals (including humans) and the places they live.**](http://www.nextgenscience.org/pe/k-ess3-1-earth-and-human-activity) |
| **Clarification Statement:** Examples of relationships could include that deer eat buds and leaves, therefore, they usually live in forested areas; and, grasses need sunlight so they often grow in meadows. Plants, animals, and their surroundings make up a system. |
| **Assessment Boundary:** N/A |
| **Science & Engineering Practices** | **Disciplinary Core Ideas** | **Cross-Cutting Concepts** |
| [**Developing and Using Models**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#56)[Modeling in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to include using and developing models (i.e., diagram, drawing, physical replica, diorama, dramatization, storyboard) that represent concrete events or design solutions.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#56)[Use a model to represent relationships in the natural world](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#56). | [**ESS3.A: Natural Resources**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#191)[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.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#191)  | [**Systems and System Models**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/8#91)[Systems in the natural and designed world have parts that work together.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/8#91) |
| **Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: N/A** |
| **Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 1.LS1.A ; 5.LS2.A ; 5.ESS2.A** |
| **NJSLS- ELA: SL.K.5** |
| **NJSLS- Math: MP.2; MP.4; K.CC** |
| 5E Model |
| **K-ESS3-1 Use a model to represent the relationship between the needs of different plants and animals (including humans) and the places they live.** |
| **Engage** **Anticipatory Set** | BrainPOP Jr: Habitats Arctic Habitats: <https://jr.brainpop.com/science/habitats/arctichabitats/> Deserts: <https://jr.brainpop.com/science/habitats/desert/> Forests: <https://jr.brainpop.com/science/habitats/forests/> Freshwater Habitats: <https://jr.brainpop.com/science/habitats/freshwaterhabitats/> Ocean Habitats: <https://jr.brainpop.com/science/habitats/oceanhabitats/> Rainforests: <https://jr.brainpop.com/science/habitats/rainforests/> Plant and Animal Habitats: Informational Text <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/plant_animal_habitats/read/1/> |
| **Exploration** **Student Inquiry** | What's A Habitat Anyway? In this lesson, students will explore the idea that different animals live in different habitats due to their unique attributes. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/637733/what-s-a-habitat-anyway> Survival of the Fittest: Exploring Basic Needs In this lesson, students will identify and match key elements that different living things need to survive. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/599355/survival-of-the-fittest-exploring-basic-needs> Toad's Abode- Interior Design For Our Toad Why do habitats need to be unique for different animals? In this lesson, students will create a diagram to identify elements of a Fire Bellied Toad habitat. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/635015/toad-s-abode-interior-design-for-our-toad> Hermie's House- Create a Crabitat for Hermie Why do habitats need to be unique for different animals? In this lesson, students will use a diagram to identify elements of a hermit crab habitat. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/635017/hermie-s-house-create-a-crabitat-for-hermie> Awesome Animals Assessment - Follow Me Duuude! In this lesson, students will complete a diagram that connects an animal with it's appropriate habitat and essential need. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/635240/awesome-animals-assessment-follow-me-duuude> |
| **Explanation** **Concepts and Practices** | In these lessons: Teachers should: Introduce formal labels, definitions, and explanations for concepts, practices, skills or abilities. Students should: Verbalize conceptual understandings and demonstrate scientific and engineering practices. Topics to Be Discussed in Teacher Directed Lessons (Disciplinary Core Ideas): [ESS3.A: Natural Resources](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#191)[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.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#191) |
| **Elaboration** **Extension Activity** | Additional Related Activities & Resources <http://www.earthsciweek.org/ngss-performance-expectations/k-ess3-1><https://www.opened.com/search?standard=K.ESS3.1> |
| **Evaluation** **Assessment Tasks** | [Use a model to represent relationships in the natural world](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#56). Assessment Task A [Habitat Animal Sort](https://betterlesson.com/lesson/resource/3270299/4-habitats-1-pdf?from=resource_image)  Assessment Task B [Where Should We Live- Matching Activity and Reflection Paper](https://betterlesson.com/lesson/resource/3160636/reflection-paper-half-sheet-doc?from=resource_image)   Assessment Task C [Make a Home for a Fire Bellied Toad Worksheet](https://betterlesson.com/lesson/resource/3173347/fire-bellied-toad-habitat-1-pdf?from=resource_image)   Assessment Task D [Make a Home for a Hermit Crab Worksheet](https://betterlesson.com/lesson/resource/3180863/hermit-crab-habitat-1-pdf?from=resource_image)  Assessment Task E [Where Should I Live- Matching Activity](https://betterlesson.com/lesson/resource/3198537/habitat-assessment-ws-pdf?from=resource_image), [Student Checklist](https://betterlesson.com/lesson/resource/3186401/student-checklist-doc) & [Awesome Animal Rubric](https://betterlesson.com/lesson/resource/3198536/awesome-animals-rubric-docx?from=resource_image)  |

| **Kindergarten Unit 4: Basic Needs of Living Things** |
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| **K-ESS2 Earth's Systems** |
| **K-ESS2-2: Construct an argument supported by evidence for how plants and animals (including humans) can change the environment to meet their needs.** |
| **Clarification Statement:** Examples of plants and animals changing their environment could include a squirrel digs in the ground to hide its food and tree roots can break concrete. |
| **Assessment Boundary: N/A** |
| **Science & Engineering Practices** | **Disciplinary Core Ideas** | **Cross-Cutting Concepts** |
| [**Engaging in Argument from Evidence**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#71)[Engaging in argument from evidence in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to comparing ideas and representations about the natural and designed world(s).](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#71)[Construct an argument with evidence to support a claim.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#71)  | [**ESS2.E: Biogeology**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#186)[Plants and animals can change their environment.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#186) [**ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#194)[Things that people do to live comfortably can affect the world around them. But they can make choices that reduce their impacts on the land, water, air, and other living things. (secondary)](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#194)  | [**Systems and System Models**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/8#91)[Systems in the natural and designed world have parts that work together.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/8#91) |
| **Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: N/A** |
| **Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 4.ESS2.E ; 5.ESS2.A** |
| **NJSLS- ELA: R.K.1, W.K.1, W.K.2** |
| **NJSLS- Math: N/A** |
| 5E Model |
| **K-ESS2-2: Construct an argument supported by evidence for how plants and animals (including humans) can change the environment to meet their needs.** |
| **Engage** **Anticipatory Set** | Crash Course Kids: Big Changes in the Big Apple Did you know that all living things change their environments? It's true. Beavers, deer, worms, and humans all change their environments. It just so happens that humans change our environments in big, obvious ways. In this episode, Sabrina chats about how humans have been changing our environments for a long time! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CyE4_D6Fb_w> Crash Course Kids: Big Changes in the Big Forest What do beavers, termites, and prairie dogs have in common? They all change their environments! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1fkGqO0Xk94> |
| **Exploration** **Student Inquiry** | How Do Interactions Happen with Living Things Lesson 6: How do animals change their environment? Why do animals need to change their environment? <http://www.georgetowncollege.edu/ccrp/files/2014/04/How-do-interactions-happen-with-living-things-K-Science-Unit.pdf> Plants, Animals, and Environmental Changes <https://sbs.wsu.edu/eucaps/gradelevels/resources/PlantsAnimalsandEnvironmentalChanges_Kindergarten.pdf> |
| **Explanation** **Concepts and Practices** | In these lessons: Teachers should: Introduce formal labels, definitions, and explanations for concepts, practices, skills or abilities. Students should: Verbalize conceptual understandings and demonstrate scientific and engineering practices. Topics to Be Discussed in Teacher Directed Lessons (Disciplinary Core Ideas): [ESS2.E: Biogeology](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#186) [Plants and animals can change their environment.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#186) [ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#194) [Things that people do to live comfortably can affect the world around them. But they can make choices that reduce their impacts on the land, water, air, and other living things. (secondary)](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#194)  |
| **Elaboration** **Extension Activity** | Plants, Animals and Environmental Changes <https://sbs.wsu.edu/eucaps/gradelevels/resources/PlantsAnimalsandEnvironmentalChanges_Kindergarten.pdf> |
| **Evaluation** **Assessment Tasks** | [Construct an argument with evidence to support a claim.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#71) Assessment Task A After viewing the pictures in the Plants, Animals, and Environmental Changes lesson, students will complete the table by answering the guiding questions.  |

| **Unit 5 Overview** |
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| [**Unit 5: Basic Needs of Humans**](http://www.state.nj.us/education/modelcurriculum/sci/ku5.pdf) |
| **Grade: Kindergarten** |
| **Content Area: Earth Science** |
| **Pacing: 15 Instructional Days** |
| **Essential Question** |
| How can humans reduce their impact on the land, water, air, and other living things in the local environment? |
| **Student Learning Objectives (Performance Expectations)** |
| **K-ESS3-3: Communicate solutions that will reduce the impact of climate change and humans on the land, water, air, and/or other living things in the local environment.** |
| **Unit Summary** |
| In this unit of study, students develop an understanding of what humans need to survive and the relationship between their needs and where they live. The crosscutting concept of cause and effect is called out as the organizing concept for the disciplinary core ideas. Students demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in asking questions and defining problems, and in obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information. Students are also expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas. |
| **Technical Terms** |
| Recycle, Reduce, Reuse, Natural Resources, Extinction, Endangered, Waste, Landfill, Conserve, Disposable, Fossil Fuel, Minerals, Pollution, Wetlands, Rainforest, Reserves, Decompose |
| **Formative Assessment Measures** |
| ***Part A: How can humans reduce their impact on the land, water, air, and other living things in the local environment?*** |
| *Students who understand the concepts are able to:*• Observe patterns in events generated due to cause-and-effect relationships. • Communicate solutions with others in oral and/or written forms using models and/or drawings that provide detail about scientific ideas. • Communicate solutions that will reduce the impact of humans on the land, water, air, and/or other living things in the local environment. • Ask questions based on observations to find more information about the natural and/or designed world. • Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool. • Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation that people want to change in order to define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.  |
| **Interdisciplinary Connections** |
| **NJSLS- ELA** | **NJSLS- Mathematics** |
| Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose informative/explanatory texts in which they name what they are writing about and supply some information about the topic. (K-ESS3-3) W.K.2  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 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 Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (K-2-ETS1-1) W.2.8  | Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (K-2-ETS1-1) MP.2 Model with mathematics. (K-2-ETS1-1) MP.4 Use appropriate tools strategically. (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. (K-2-ETS1-1) 2.MD.D.10  |
| **Core Instructional Materials** | Textbooks Series, Lab Materials, etc. |
| **Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills** | 9.4 Life Literacies and Key Skills* 9.4.2.CT.1: Gather information about an issue, such as climate change, and collaboratively brainstorm ways to solve the problem (e.g., K-2-ETS1-1, 6.3.2.GeoGI.2).
* 9.4.2.CT.2: Identify possible approaches and resources to execute a plan (e.g., 1.2.2.CR1b, 8.2.2.ED.3).
* 9.4.2.CT.3: Use a variety of types of thinking to solve problems (e.g., inductive, deductive).
* 9.4.2.IML.2: Represent data in a visual format to tell a story about the data (e.g., 2.MD.D.10).
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| **Computer Science and Design Thinking** | 8.1 Computer Science* 8.1.2.DA.3: Identify and describe patterns in data visualizations.
* 8.2.2.ED.2: Collaborate to solve a simple problem, or to illustrate how to build a product using the design process.
* 8.2.2.ED.3: Select and use appropriate tools and materials to build a product using the design process.
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| **Modifications** |
| **English Language Learners** | **Special Education** | **At-Risk** | **Gifted and Talented** | **504** |
| ScaffoldingWord wallsSentence/paragraph framesBilingual dictionaries/translationThink aloudsRead aloudsHighlight key vocabularyAnnotation guidesThink-pair- shareVisual aidesModelingCognates | Word wallsVisual aidesGraphic organizersMultimediaLeveled readersAssistive technologyNotes/summariesExtended timeAnswer maskingAnswer eliminatorHighlighterColor contrast | Teacher tutoringPeer tutoringStudy guidesGraphic organizersExtended timeParent communicationModified assignmentsCounseling | Curriculum compactingChallenge assignmentsEnrichment activitiesTiered activitiesIndependent research/inquiryCollaborative teamworkHigher level questioningCritical/Analytical thinking tasksSelf-directed activities | Word wallsVisual aidesGraphic organizersMultimediaLeveled readersAssistive technologyNotes/summariesExtended timeAnswer maskingAnswer eliminatorHighlighterColor contrastParent communicationModified assignmentsCounseling |

| **Kindergarten Unit 5: Basic Needs of Humans** |
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| **K-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity** |
| **K-ESS3-3: Communicate solutions that will reduce the impact of climate change and humans on the land, water, air, and/or other living things in the local environment.** |
| **Clarification Statement:** Examples of human impact on the land could include cutting trees to produce paper and using resources to produce bottles. Examples of solutions could include reusing paper and recycling cans and bottles. |
| **Assessment Boundary:** N/A |
| **Science & Engineering Practices** | **Disciplinary Core Ideas** | **Cross-Cutting Concepts** |
| [**Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#74)[Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in K–2 builds on prior experiences and uses observations and texts to communicate new information.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#74)[Communicate solutions with others in oral and/or written forms using models and/or drawings that provide detail about scientific ideas.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#74) | [**ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#194)[Things that people do to live comfortably can affect the world around them. But they can make choices that reduce their impacts on the land, water, air, and other living things.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#194)**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.(secondary)  | [**Cause and Effect**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/8#87)[Events have causes that generate observable patterns.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/8#87) |
| **Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: K.ETS1.A** |
| **Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 2.ETS1.B ; 4.ESS3.A ; 5.ESS3.C** |
| **NJSLS- ELA: W.K.2** |
| **NJSLS- Math: N/A** |
| 5E Model |
| **K-ESS3-3: Communicate solutions that will reduce the impact of climate change and humans on the land, water, air, and/or other living things in the local environment.** |
| **Engage** **Anticipatory Set** | BrainPOP Videos: Conservation Reduce, Reuse & Recycle: <https://jr.brainpop.com/science/conservation/reducereuserecycle/> How Recycling Works! Humans make a lot of garbage every day, and a lot of it ends up in big, smelly dumps. Luckily, there are things we can do to reuse a lot of our garbage and keep the Earth healthy and clean! Join Jessi and find out how! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VlRVPum9cp4> Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AOvcW8l3RzE> |
| **Exploration** **Student Inquiry** | PBS Kids: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle In this lesson students will be introduced to the concepts of reducing, reusing and recycling. They will learn new vocabulary, read labels, and connect environmental concepts to their everyday experiences. Students will perform a skit highlighting what they have learned about taking action to conserve the earth's resources. <http://pbskids.org/eekoworld//parentsteachers/lessonsk_1.html> Give and Get: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Remind Why is it important to keep things out of the landfill? In this lesson, students will collect materials and find alternatives to trash to practice recycling. <http://betterlesson.com/lesson/637871/give-and-get-reduce-reuse-recycle-remind> Productive Paper How can changing paper help people? In this lesson, students will discover a different way to reuse paper. http://betterlesson.com/lesson/640508/productive-paper-prosperous-paper  |
| **Explanation** **Concepts and Practices** | In these lessons: Teachers should: Introduce formal labels, definitions, and explanations for concepts, practices, skills or abilities. Students should: Verbalize conceptual understandings and demonstrate scientific and engineering practices. Topics to Be Discussed in Teacher Directed Lessons (Disciplinary Core Ideas): [ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#194)[Things that people do to live comfortably can affect the world around them. But they can make choices that reduce their impacts on the land, water, air, and other living things.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/11#194)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.(secondary) |
| **Elaboration** **Extension Activity** | Human Impact on Earth Systems <https://sbs.wsu.edu/eucaps/gradelevels/resources/NGSS%20Human%20Impact%20Unit_Kindergarten.pdf> Everyday in Earth Day: Interactive Game <http://www.starfall.com/n/holiday/earthday/play.htm?f> Recycle Roundup: Interactive Game <http://images.nationalgeographic.com/wpf/media-content/richmedia/1/1143/project/dist/desktop.html> |
| **Evaluation** **Assessment Tasks** | [Communicate solutions with others in oral and/or written forms using models and/or drawings that provide detail about scientific ideas.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#74) Assessment Task A When completing the Exploration Activities above, teacher should record student communications about solutions to human impacts on land, water and air in oral and/or written form. Give and Get-Reduce, Reuse, Recycle & Remind: Reflection Paper  |

| **Kindergarten Unit 5: Basic Needs of Humans** |
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| **K-2-ETS1-1: Engineering Design**  |
| **K-2-ETS1-1: 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.** |
| **Clarification Statement:** N/A |
| **Assessment Boundary:** N/A |
| **Science & Engineering Practices** | **Disciplinary Core Ideas** | **Cross-Cutting Concepts** |
| [**Asking Questions and Defining Problems**](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#54)[Asking questions and defining problems in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple descriptive questions.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#54)[Ask questions based on observations to find more information about the natural and/or designed world(s).](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#54) [Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.](https://www.nap.edu/read/13165/chapter/7#54) | **ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems**A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering. (K-2- ETS1-1)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-2- ETS1-1)Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly understand the problem. (K-2- ETS1-1) |  |
| **Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: Kindergarten- K-PS2-2, K-ESS3-2** |
| **Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 3-5.ETS1.A ; 3-5.ETS1.C** |
| **NJSLS- ELA: RI.2.1, W.2.6, W.2.8** |
| **NJSLS- Math: MP.2, MP.4, MP.5, 2.MD.D.10** |