Grade 3 SCIENCE INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR 2026-2027

Week	Dates	Unit	Topic		Progress Monitoring
1	August 10-14	**Introduction to Science**		**Nature of Science benchmarks to be integrated throughout Weeks 1-38:**	
2	August 17-21	**Unit 1: Matter and Changes in Matter**	Matter		
3	August 24-28				
4	August 31- September 4				**Concept Check**
5	September 7-11 (4 days-Labor Day)		Heating and Cooling		
6	September 14-18				
7	September 21-25 (4 days-PL Day)				**Science 03 VST 01**
8	September 28-October 2		Everyday Energy		
9	October 5-9				**Concept Check**
10	October 12-16 (4 days-Teacher Duty Day)	**Unit 2: Energy**	**Common Experiment (Rubber Bands)**		
11	October 19-23		Energy and Change		
12	October 26-30				**Concept Check**
13	November 2-6		Light and Heat		
14	November 9-13 (4 days-Veterans Day)				**Concept Check**
15	November 16-20		Light Behaviors		
16	November 30 - December 4				
17	December 7-11		**Common Experiment (Light Behaviors)**		**Concept Check**
18	December 14-18				**Science 03 VST 02**
19	January 4-8 (4 days-Teacher Duty Day)	**Unit 3: Sun and Stars**	Sun and Stars		
20	January 11-15				
21	January 18-22 (4 days-MLK Day)				**Concept Check**
22	January 25-29		Sun's Energy		
23	February 1-5				**Concept Check**
24	February 8-12		**Common Experiment (Helicopters)**		
25	February 15-19 (4 days-Presidents' Day)		Gravity		
26	February 22-26				**Science 03 VST 03**
27	March 1-5	**Unit 4: Exploring Living Things**	Plant Structures		
28	March 8-12				
29	March 22-26 (4 days-Teacher Duty Day)	**Unit 4: Exploring Living Things**			**Concept Check**
30	March 29 - April 2		**Common Experiment (Radiant Energy)**		
31	April 5-9		Classifying Animals		
32	April 12-16				
33	April 19-23				**Concept Check**
34	April 26-30		Responses to the Environment		
35	May 3-7				
36	May 10-14				
37	May 17-21				**Science 03 VST 04**
38	May 24-26 (3 days-Memorial Day)	**Nature of Science**	**Common Experiment (Mass of Gum)**		