

**Science – Prekindergarten – Grade 5
Vertical Alignment Matrix (2013 – 2014)**

Strand	Prekindergarten	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Scientific Investigation and Reasoning	PK.1 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student conducts classroom and outdoor investigations following home and school safety procedures and uses environmentally appropriate and responsible practices.	K.1 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student conducts classroom and outdoor investigations following home and school safety procedures and uses environmentally appropriate and responsible practices.	1.1 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student conducts classroom and outdoor investigations following home and school safety procedures and uses environmentally appropriate and responsible practices.	2.1 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student conducts classroom and outdoor investigations following home and school safety procedures.	3.1 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student conducts classroom and outdoor investigations following school and home safety procedures and environmentally appropriate practices.	4.1 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student conducts classroom and outdoor investigations, following home and school safety procedures and environmentally appropriate and ethical practices.	5.1 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student conducts classroom and outdoor investigations following home and school safety procedures and environmentally appropriate and ethical practices.
	VI.D.1 Child practice good habits of personal safety.	PS SCI.K.1A Identify and demonstrate safe practices as described in the Texas Safety Standards during classroom and outdoor investigations, including wearing safety goggles, washing hands, and using materials appropriately.	PS SCI.1.1A Recognize and demonstrate safe practices as described in the Texas Safety Standards during classroom and outdoor investigations, including wearing safety goggles, washing hands, and using materials appropriately.	PS SCI.2.1A Identify and demonstrate safe practices as described in the Texas Safety Standards during classroom and outdoor investigations, including wearing safety goggles, washing hands, and using materials appropriately.	PS SCI.3.1A Demonstrate safe practices as described in the Texas Safety Standards during classroom and outdoor investigations, including observing a schoolyard habitat.	PS SCI.4.1A Demonstrate safe practices and the use of safety equipment as described in the Texas Safety Standards during classroom and outdoor investigations.	PS SCI.5.1A Demonstrate safe practices and the use of safety equipment as described in the Texas Safety Standards during classroom and outdoor investigations.
	VI.D.1 Child practice good habits of personal safety. VI.D.2 Child practices good habits of personal health and hygiene.	PS SCI.K.1B Discuss the importance of safe practices to keep self and others safe and healthy.	PS SCI.1.1B Recognize the importance of safe practices to keep self and others safe and healthy.	PS SCI.2.1B Describe the importance of safe practices.			
	VI.C.4 Child demonstrates the importance of caring for our environment and our planet.	PS SCI.K.1C Demonstrate how to use, conserve, and dispose of natural resources and materials such as conserving water and reusing or recycling paper, plastic, and metal.	PS SCI.1.1C Identify and learn how to use natural resources and materials, including conservation and reuse or recycling of paper, plastic, and metals.	PS SCI.2.1C Identify and demonstrate how to use, conserve, and dispose of natural resources and materials such as conserving water and reuse or recycling of paper, plastic, and metal.	PS SCI.3.1B Make informed choices in the use and conservation of natural resources by recycling or reusing materials such as paper, aluminum cans, and plastics.	PS SCI.4.1B Make informed choices in the use and conservation of natural resources and reusing and recycling of materials such as paper, aluminum, glass, cans, and plastic.	PS SCI.5.1B Make informed choices in the conservation, disposal, and recycling of materials.
	PK.2 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student develops abilities to ask questions and seek answers in classroom and outdoor investigations.	K.2 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student develops abilities to ask questions and seek answers in classroom and outdoor investigations.	1.2 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student develops abilities to ask questions and seek answers in classroom and outdoor investigations.	2.2 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student develops abilities necessary to do scientific inquiry in classroom and outdoor investigations.	3.2 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student uses scientific inquiry methods during laboratory and outdoor investigations.	4.2 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student uses scientific inquiry methods during laboratory and outdoor investigations.	5.2 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student uses scientific methods during laboratory and outdoor investigations.
	VI.A.1 Child describes, observes, and investigates properties and characteristics of common objects. VI.A.2 Child investigates and describes position and motion of objects.	PS SCI.K.2A Ask questions about organisms, objects, and events observed in the natural world. PS SCI.K.2B Plan and conduct simple descriptive investigations such as ways objects move.	PS SCI.1.2A Ask questions about organisms, objects, and events observed in the natural world. PS SCI.1.2B Plan and conduct simple descriptive investigations such as ways objects move.	PS SCI.2.2A Ask questions about organisms, objects, and events during observations and investigations. PS SCI.2.2B Plan and conduct descriptive investigations such as how organisms grow.	PS SCI.3.2A Plan and implement descriptive investigations, including asking and answering questions, making inferences, and selecting and using equipment or technology needed, to solve a specific problem in the natural world.	PS SCI.4.2A Plan and implement descriptive investigations, including asking well-defined questions, making inferences, and selecting and using appropriate equipment or technology to answer his/her questions.	PS SCI.5.2A Describe, plan, and implement simple experimental investigations testing one variable. PS SCI.5.2B Ask well-defined questions, formulate testable hypotheses, and select and use appropriate equipment and technology.



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	V.E.2. Child collects data and organizes it in a graphic representation.	PS SCI.K.2D Record and organize data and observations using pictures, numbers, and words.	PS SCI.1.2D Record and organize data using pictures, numbers, and words.	PS SCI.2.2D Record and organize data using pictures, numbers, and words.	PS SCI.3.2C Construct maps, graphic organizers, simple tables, charts, and bar graphs using tools and current technology to organize, examine, and evaluate measured data.	PS SCI.4.2C Construct simple tables, charts, bar graphs, and maps using tools and current technology to organize, examine, and evaluate data.	PS SCI.5.2G Construct appropriate simple graphs, tables, maps, and charts using technology, including computers, to organize, examine, and evaluate information.
					PS SCI.3.2D Analyze and interpret patterns in data to construct reasonable explanations based on evidence from investigations.	PS SCI.4.2D Analyze data and interpret patterns to construct reasonable explanations from data that can be observed and measured.	PS SCI.5.2D Analyze and interpret information to construct reasonable explanations from direct observable and indirect inferred evidence.
					PS SCI.3.2E Demonstrate that repeated investigations may increase the reliability of results.	PS SCI.4.2E Perform repeated investigations to increase the reliability of results.	PS SCI.5.2E Demonstrate that repeated investigations may increase the reliability of results.
		PS SCI.K.2E Communicate observations with others about simple descriptive investigations.	PS SCI.1.2E Communicate observations and provide reasons for explanations using student-generated data from simple descriptive investigations.	PS SCI.2.2E Communicate observations and justify explanations using student-generated data from simple descriptive investigations. PS SCI.2.2F Compare results of investigations with what students and scientists know about the world.	PS SCI.3.2F Communicate valid conclusions supported by data in writing, by drawing pictures, and through verbal discussion.	PS SCI.4.2F Communicate valid, oral, and written results supported by data.	PS SCI.5.2F Communicate valid conclusions in both written and verbal forms.
	PS PK.3 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student knows that information and critical thinking are used in scientific problem solving.	K.3 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student knows that information and critical thinking are used in scientific problem solving.	1.3 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student knows that information and critical thinking are used in scientific problem solving.	2.3 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student knows that information and critical thinking, scientific problem solving, and the contributions of scientists are used in making decisions.	3.3 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student knows that information, critical thinking, scientific problem solving, and the contributions of scientists are used in making decisions.	4.3 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student uses critical thinking and scientific problem solving to make informed decisions.	5.3 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student uses critical thinking and scientific problem solving to make informed decisions.
	VI.C.4 Child demonstrates the importance of caring for our environment and our planet.	PS SCI.K.3A Identify and explain a problem such as the impact of littering on the playground and propose a solution in his/her own words. PS SCI.K.3B Make predictions based on observable patterns in nature such as the shapes of leaves.	PS SCI.1.3A Identify and explain a problem such as finding a home for a classroom pet and propose a solution in his/her own words. PS SCI.1.3B Make predictions based on observable patterns.	PS SCI.2.3A Identify and explain a problem in his/her own words and propose a task and solution for the problem such as lack of water in a habitat. PS SCI.2.3B Make predictions based on observable patterns.	PS SCI.3.3A In all fields of science, analyze, evaluate, and critique scientific explanations by using empirical evidence, logical reasoning, and experimental and observational testing, including examining all sides of scientific evidence of those scientific explanations, so as to encourage critical thinking by the student.	PS SCI.4.3A In all fields of science, analyze, evaluate, and critique scientific explanations by using empirical evidence, logical reasoning, and experimental and observational testing, including examining all sides of scientific evidence of those scientific explanations, so as to encourage critical thinking by the student.	PS SCI.5.3A In all fields of science, analyze, evaluate, and critique scientific explanations by using empirical evidence, logical reasoning, and experimental and observational testing, including examining all sides of scientific evidence of those scientific explanations, so as to encourage critical thinking by the student.



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					Ⓢ SCI.3.3C Represent the natural world using models such as volcanoes or Sun, Earth, and Moon system and identify their limitations, including size, properties, and materials.	Ⓢ SCI.4.3C Represent the natural world using models such as rivers, stream tables, or fossils and identify their limitations, including accuracy and size.	Ⓢ SCI.5.3C Draw or develop a model that represents how something works or looks including systems and processes that cannot be seen.
		Ⓢ SCI.K.3C Explore that scientists investigate different things in the natural world and use tools to help in their investigations.	Ⓢ SCI.1.3C Describe what scientists do.	Ⓢ SCI.2.3C Identify what a scientist is and explore what different scientists do.	Ⓢ SCI.3.3D Connect grade-level appropriate science concepts with the history of science, science careers, and contributions of scientists.	Ⓢ SCI.4.3D Connect grade-level appropriate science concepts with the history of science, science careers, and contributions of scientists.	Ⓢ SCI.5.3D Connect grade-level appropriate science concepts with the history of science, science careers, and contributions of scientists.
	PK.4 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student uses age-appropriate tools and models to investigate the natural world.	K.4 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student uses age-appropriate tools and models to investigate the natural world.	1.4 The student uses age-appropriate tools and models to investigate the natural world.	2.4 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student uses age-appropriate tools and models to investigate the natural world.	3.4 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student knows how to use a variety of tools and methods to conduct science inquiry.	4.4 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student knows how to use a variety of tools, materials, equipment, and models to conduct science inquiry.	5.4 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student knows how to use a variety of tools and methods to conduct science inquiry.
		Ⓢ SCI.K.4A Collect information using tools, including computers , hand lenses , primary balances, cups, bowls, magnets, collecting nets, and notebooks; timing devices, including clocks and timers; non-standard measuring items such as paper clips and clothespins; weather instruments such as demonstration thermometers and wind socks; and materials to support observations of habitats of organisms such as terrariums and aquariums.	Ⓢ SCI.1.4A Collect, record, and compare information using tools, including computers, hand lenses, primary balances, cups, bowls, magnets, collecting nets, notebooks, and safety goggles; timing devices, including clocks and timers; non-standard measuring items such as paper clips and clothespins; weather instruments such as classroom demonstration thermometers and wind socks; and materials to support observations of habitats of organisms such as aquariums and terrariums.	Ⓢ SCI.2.4A Collect, record, and compare information using tools, including computers ,hand lenses, rulers , primary balances, plastic beakers, magnets, collecting nets, notebooks, and safety goggles; timing devices, including clocks and stopwatches ; weather instruments such as thermometers , wind vanes, and rain gauges; and materials to support observations of habitats of organisms such as terrariums and aquariums.	Ⓢ SCI.3.4A Collect, record, and analyze information using tools, including microscopes , cameras , computers, hand lenses , metric rulers, Celsius thermometers, wind vanes, rain gauges, pan balances, graduated cylinders, beakers, spring scales, hot plates, meter sticks, compasses, magnets, collecting nets, notebooks, sound recorders, and Sun, Earth, and Moon system models; timing devices, including clocks and stopwatches; and materials to support observation of habitats of organisms such as terrariums and aquariums.	Ⓢ SCI.4.4A Collect, record, and analyze information using tools, including calculators , microscopes , cameras, computers, hand lenses, metric rulers, Celsius thermometers, mirrors, spring scales, pan balances, triple beam balances, graduated cylinders, beakers, hot plates, meter sticks, compasses , magnets, collecting nets, and notebooks ; timing devices, including clocks and stopwatches; and materials to support observation of habitats of organisms such as terrariums and aquariums.	Ⓢ SCI.5.4A Collect, record, and analyze information using tools, including calculators, microscopes, cameras, computers, hand lenses, metric rulers, Celsius thermometers, prisms, mirrors, pan balances, triple beam balances, spring scales, graduated cylinders, beakers, hot plates, meter sticks, magnets, collecting nets, and notebooks; timing devices, including clocks and stopwatches; and materials to support observations of habitats of organisms such as terrariums and aquariums.
	VI.A.1 Child describes, observes and investigates properties and characteristics of common objects. VI.B.1 Child Identifies and describes the characteristics of organisms.	Ⓢ SCI.K.4B Use senses as a tool of observation to identify properties and patterns of organisms, objects, and events in the environment.	Ⓢ SCI.1.4B Measure and compare organisms and objects using non-standard units.	Ⓢ SCI.2.4B Measure and compare organisms and objects using non-standard units that approximate metric units.			



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	VI.D.1 Child practices good habits of personal safety.				Ⓟ SCI.3.4B Use safety equipment as appropriate, including safety goggles and gloves.	Ⓟ SCI.4.4B Use safety equipment as appropriate, including safety goggles and gloves.	Ⓟ SCI.5.4B Use safety equipment, including safety goggles and gloves.	
Matter and Energy	PK.5 Matter and energy. The student knows that objects have properties and patterns.	K.5 Matter and energy. The student knows that objects have properties and patterns.	1.5 Matter and energy. The student knows that objects have properties and patterns.	2.5 Matter and energy. The student knows that matter has physical properties and those properties determine how it is described, classified, changed, and used.	3.5 Matter and energy. The student knows that matter has measurable physical properties and those properties determine how matter is classified, changed, and used.	4.5 Matter and energy. The student knows that matter has measurable physical properties and those properties determine how matter is classified, changed, and used.	5.5 Matter and energy. The student knows that matter has measurable physical properties and those properties determine how matter is classified, changed, and used.	
	VI.A.1 Child describes, observes and investigates properties and characteristics of common objects.			SCI.2.5C Demonstrate that things can be done to materials to change their physical properties such as cutting, folding, sanding, and melting.	SCI.3.5A Measure, test, and record physical properties of matter, including temperature, mass, magnetism, and the ability to sink or float.	SCI.4.5A Measure, compare, and contrast physical properties of matter, including size, mass, volume, states solid, liquid, gas, temperature, magnetism, and the ability to sink or float.	Ⓟ SCI.5.5A Classify matter based on physical properties, including mass, magnetism, physical state solid, liquid, and gas, relative density sinking and floating, solubility in water, and the ability to conduct or insulate thermal energy or electric energy.	
	VI.A.1 Child describes, observes and investigates properties and characteristics of common objects. VI.A.3 Child uses simple measuring devices to learn about objects.	SCI.K.5A Observe and record properties of objects, including relative size and mass, such as bigger or smaller and heavier or lighter, shape, color, and texture.	SCI.1.5A Classify objects by observable properties of the materials from which they are made such as larger and smaller, heavier and lighter, shape, color, and texture.	SCI.2.5A Classify matter by physical properties, including shape, relative mass, relative temperature, texture, flexibility, and whether material is a solid or liquid.	SCI.3.5B Describe and classify samples of matter as solids, liquids, and gases and demonstrate that solids have a definite shape and that liquids and gases take the shape of their container.			
	VI.A.3 Child uses simple measuring devices to learn about objects.	SCI.K.5B Observe, record, and discuss how materials can be changed by heating or cooling.	SCI.1.5B Predict and identify changes in materials caused by heating and cooling such as ice melting, water freezing, and water evaporating.	SCI.2.5B Compare changes in materials caused by heating and cooling.	Ⓢ SCI.3.5C Predict, observe, and record changes in the state of matter caused by heating or cooling.	SCI.4.5B Predict the changes caused by heating and cooling such as ice becoming liquid water and condensation forming on the outside of a glass of ice water.	Ⓢ SCI.5.5B Identify the boiling and freezing/melting points of water on the Celsius scale.	
						SCI.3.5D Explore and recognize that a mixture is created when two materials are combined such as gravel and sand and metal and plastic paper clips.	SCI.4.5C Compare and contrast a variety of mixtures and solutions such as rocks in sand, sand in water, or sugar in water.	Ⓢ SCI.5.5C Demonstrate that some mixtures maintain physical properties of their ingredients such as iron filings and sand. Ⓢ SCI.5.5D Identify changes that can occur in the physical properties of the ingredients of solutions such as dissolving salt in water or adding lemon juice to water.
					SCI.2.5D Combine materials that when put together can do things that they cannot do by themselves such as building a tower or a bridge and justify the selection of those materials based on their physical properties.			



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Force, Motion, and Energy	PK.6 Force, motion, and energy. The student knows that energy, force, and motion are related and are a part of their everyday life.	K.6 Force, motion, and energy. The student knows that energy, force, and motion are related and are a part of their everyday life.	1.6 Force, motion, and energy. The student knows that force, motion, and energy are related and are a part of everyday life.	2.6 Force, motion, and energy. The student knows that forces cause change and energy exists in many forms.	3.6 Force, motion, and energy. The student knows that forces cause change and that energy exists in many forms.	4.6 Force, motion, and energy. The student knows that energy exists in many forms and can be observed in cycles, patterns, and systems.	5.6 Force, motion, and energy. The student knows that energy occurs in many forms and can be observed in cycles, patterns, and systems.
	VI.A.1 Child describes, observes and investigates properties and characteristics of common objects.	SCI.K.6B Explore interactions between magnets and various materials.	SCI.1.6B Predict and describe how a magnet can be used to push or pull an object.	SCI.2.6B Observe and identify how magnets are used in everyday life.	SCI.3.6C Observe forces such as magnetism and gravity acting on objects.	SCI.4.6D Design an experiment to test the effect of force on an object such as a push or a pull, gravity, friction, or magnetism.	SCI.5.6D Design an experiment that tests the effect of force on an object.
		SCI.K.6C Observe and describe the location of an object in relation to another such as above, below, behind, in front of, and beside.	SCI.1.6C Describe the change in the location of an object such as closer to, nearer to, and farther from.	SCI.2.6C Trace the changes in the position of an object over time such as a cup rolling on the floor and a car rolling down a ramp.	SCI.3.6B Demonstrate and observe how position and motion can be changed by pushing and pulling objects to show work being done such as swings, balls, pulleys, and wagons.		
	VI.A.2 Child investigates and describes position and motion of objects.	SCI.K.6D Observe and describe the ways that objects can move such as in a straight line, zigzag, up and down, back and forth, round and round, and fast and slow.	SCI.1.6D Demonstrate and record the ways that objects can move such as in a straight line, zig zag, up and down, back and forth, round and round, and fast and slow.	SCI.2.6D Compare patterns of movement of objects such as sliding, rolling, and spinning.			
	VI.A.4 Child investigates and describes sources of energy including light, heat, and electricity.	SCI.K.6A Use the five senses to explore different forms of energy such as light, heat, and sound.	SCI.1.6A Identify and discuss how different forms of energy such as light, heat, and sound are important to everyday life.	SCI.2.6A Investigate the effects on an object by increasing or decreasing amounts of light, heat, and sound energy such as how the color of an object appears different in dimmer light or how heat melts butter.	SCI.3.6A Explore different forms of energy, including mechanical, light, sound, and heat/thermal in everyday life.	SCI.4.6B Differentiate between conductors and insulators. SCI.4.6A Differentiate among forms of energy, including mechanical, sound, electrical, light, and heat/thermal. SCI.4.6C Demonstrate that electricity travels in a closed path, creating an electrical circuit, and explore an electromagnetic field.	SCI.5.6A Explore the uses of energy, including mechanical, light, thermal, electrical, and sound energy. SCI.5.6C Demonstrate that light travels in a straight line until it strikes an object or travels through one medium to another and demonstrate that light can be reflected such as the use of mirrors or other shiny surfaces and refracted such as the appearance of an object when observed through water. SCI.5.6B Demonstrate that the flow of electricity in circuits requires a complete path through which an electric current can pass and can produce light, heat, and sound.



AR - Aligned Readiness

PS - Process Standards

R - STAAR Readiness Standards

S - STAAR Supporting Standards

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Earth and Space Science	PK.7 Earth and space. The student knows that the natural world includes earth materials.	K.7 Earth and space. The student knows that the natural world includes earth materials.	1.7 Earth and space. The student knows that the natural world includes rocks, soil, and water that can be observed in cycles, patterns, and systems.	2.7 Earth and space. The student knows that the natural world includes earth materials.	3.7 Earth and space. The student knows that Earth consists of natural resources and its surface is constantly changing.	4.7 Earth and space. The students know that Earth consists of useful resources and its surface is constantly changing.	5.7 Earth and space. The student knows Earth's surface is constantly changing and consists of useful resources.
	VI.C.1 Child Identifies, compares, discusses earth materials and their properties and uses.	SCI.K.7A Observe, describe, compare, and sort rocks by size, shape, color, and texture.	SCI.1.7A Observe, compare, describe, and sort components of soil by size, texture, and color.	SCI.2.7A Observe and describe rocks by size, texture, and color.	SCI.3.7A Explore and record how soils are formed by weathering of rock and the decomposition of plant and animal remains.	SCI.4.7A Examine properties of soils, including color and texture, capacity to retain water, and ability to support the growth of plants.	
					SCI.3.7C Identify and compare different landforms, including mountains, hills, valleys, and plains.	SCI.4.7B Observe and identify slow changes to Earth's surface caused by weathering, erosion, and deposition from water, wind, and ice.	SCI.5.7B Recognize how landforms such as deltas, canyons, and sand dunes are the result of changes to Earth's surface by wind, water, and ice.
					SCI.3.7B Investigate rapid changes in Earth's surface such as volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, and landslides.		
	VI.C.1 Child Identifies, compares, discusses earth materials and their properties and uses.	SCI.K.7B Observe and describe physical properties of natural sources of water, including color and clarity. SCI.K.7C Give examples of ways rocks, soil, and water are useful.	SCI.1.7B Identify and describe a variety of natural sources of water, including streams, lakes, and oceans. SCI.1.7C Gather evidence of how rocks, soil, and water help to make useful products.	SCI.2.7B Identify and compare the properties of natural sources of freshwater and saltwater. SCI.2.7C Distinguish between natural and manmade resources.	SCI.3.7D Explore the characteristics of natural resources that make them useful in products and materials such as clothing and furniture and how resources may be conserved.	SCI.4.7C Identify and classify Earth's renewable resources, including air, plants, water, and animals; and nonrenewable resources, including coal, oil, and natural gas; and the importance of conservation.	SCI.5.7C Identify alternative energy resources such as wind, solar, hydroelectric, geothermal, and biofuels.
							SCI.5.7A Explore the processes that led to the formation of sedimentary rocks and fossil fuels.
							SCI.5.7D Identify fossils as evidence of past living organisms and the nature of the environments at the time using models.
	PK.8 Earth and space. The student knows that there are recognizable patterns in the natural world and among objects in the sky.	K.8 Earth and space. The student knows that there are recognizable patterns in the natural world and among objects in the sky.	1.8 Earth and space. The student knows that the natural world includes the air around us and objects in the sky.	2.8 Earth and space. The student knows that there are recognizable patterns in the natural world and among objects in the sky.	3.8 Earth and space. The student knows there are recognizable patterns in the natural world and among objects in the sky.	4.8 Earth and space. The student knows that there are recognizable patterns in the natural world and among the Sun, Earth, and Moon system.	5.8 Earth and space. The student knows that there are recognizable patterns in the natural world and among the Sun, Earth, and Moon system.



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				SCI.2.8C Explore the processes in the water cycle, including evaporation, condensation, and precipitation, as connected to weather conditions.		Ⓢ SCI.4.8B Describe and illustrate the continuous movement of water above and on the surface of Earth through the water cycle and explain the role of the Sun as a major source of energy in this process.	Ⓢ SCI.5.8B Explain how the Sun and the ocean interact in the water cycle.
	VI.C.2 Child identifies, observes, and discusses objects in the sky (clouds, sun, stars, moon).	SCI.K.8C Observe, describe, and illustrate objects in the sky such as the clouds, Moon, and stars, including the Sun. SCI.K.8B Identify events that have repeating patterns, including seasons of the year and day and night.	SCI.1.8B Observe and record changes in the appearance of objects in the sky such as clouds, the Moon, and stars, including the Sun. SCI.1.8C Identify characteristics of the seasons of the year and day and night.	SCI.2.8D Observe, describe, and record patterns of objects in the sky, including the appearance of the Moon.	SCI.3.8C Construct models that demonstrate the relationship of the Sun, Earth, and Moon, including orbits and positions.	Ⓢ SCI.4.8C Collect and analyze data to identify sequences and predict patterns of change in shadows, tides, seasons, and the observable appearance of the Moon over time.	Ⓢ SCI.5.8C Demonstrate that Earth rotates on its axis once approximately every 24 hours causing the day/night cycle and the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky.
					SCI.3.8B Describe and illustrate the Sun as a star composed of gases that provides light and heat energy for the water cycle.		Ⓢ SCI.5.8D Identify and compare the physical characteristics of the Sun, Earth, and Moon.
					Ⓢ SCI.3.8D Identify the planets in Earth's solar system and their position in relation to the Sun.		
Organisms and Environments	PK.9 Organisms and environments. The student knows that plants and animals have basic needs and depend on the living and nonliving things around them for survival.	K.9 Organisms and environments. The student knows that plants and animals have basic needs and depend on the living and nonliving things around them for survival.	1.9 Organisms and environments. The student knows that the living environment is composed of relationships between organisms and the life cycles that occur.	2.9 Organisms and environments. The student knows that living organisms have basic needs that must be met for them to survive within their environment.	3.9 Organisms and environments. The student knows that organisms have characteristics that help them survive and can describe patterns, cycles, systems, and relationships within the environments.	4.9 Organisms and environments. The student knows and understands that living organisms within an ecosystem interact with one another and with their environment.	5.9 Organisms and environments. The student knows that there are relationships, systems, and cycles within environments.
	VI.B.2 Child describe life cycles of organisms.	SCI.K.9A Differentiate between living and nonliving things based upon whether they have basic needs and produce offspring.	SCI.1.9A Sort and classify living and nonliving things based upon whether or not they have basic needs and produce offspring.	SCI.2.9A Identify the basic needs of plants and animals.			



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Organisms and Environments	VI.B.1 Child identifies and describes the characteristics of organisms.	SCI.K.9B Examine evidence that living organisms have basic needs such as food, water, and shelter for animals and air, water, nutrients, sunlight, and space for plants.						
	VI.B.3 Child recognizes, observes, and discusses the relationship of organisms to their environments.		SCI.1.9C Gather evidence of interdependence among living organisms such as energy transfer through food chains and animals using plants for shelter. SCI.1.9B Analyze and record examples of interdependence found in various situations such as terrariums and aquariums or pet and caregiver.	SCI.2.9C Compare and give examples of the ways living organisms depend on each other and on their environments such as food chains within a garden, park, beach, lake, and wooded area.	SCI.3.9B Identify and describe the flow of energy in a food chain and predict how changes in a food chain affect the ecosystem such as removal of frogs from a pond or bees from a field.	SCI.4.9B Describe the flow of energy through food webs, beginning with the Sun, and predict how changes in the ecosystem affect the food web such as a fire in a forest.	Ⓡ SCI.5.9B Describe how the flow of energy derived from the Sun, used by producers to create their own food, is transferred through a food chain and food web to consumers and decomposers.	
							SCI.4.9A Investigate that most producers need sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide to make their own food, while consumers are dependent on other organisms for food.	Ⓢ SCI.5.9D Identify the significance of the carbon dioxide-oxygen cycle to the survival of plants and animals.
	VI.B.3 Child recognizes, observes, and discusses the relationship of organisms to their environments.			SCI.2.9B Identify factors in the environment, including temperature and precipitation, that affect growth and behavior such as migration, hibernation, and dormancy of living things.	Ⓢ SCI.3.9A Observe and describe the physical characteristics of environments and how they support populations and communities within an ecosystem. SCI.3.9C Describe environmental changes such as floods and droughts where some organisms thrive and others perish or move to new locations.			Ⓡ SCI.5.9A Observe the way organisms live and survive in their ecosystem by interacting with the living and non-living elements. Ⓢ SCI.5.9C Predict the effects of changes in ecosystems caused by living organisms, including humans, such as the overpopulation of grazers or the building of highways.
	SCI.PK.10 Organisms and environments. The student knows that organisms resemble their parents and have structures and processes that help them survive within their environments.	K.10 Organisms and environments. The student knows that organisms resemble their parents and have structures and processes that help them survive within their environments.	1.10 Organisms and environments. The student knows that organisms resemble their parents and have structures and processes that help them survive within their environments.	2.10 Organisms and environments. The student knows that organisms resemble their parents and have structures and processes that help them survive within their environments.	3.10 Organisms and environments. The student knows that organisms undergo similar life processes and have structures that help them survive within their environments.	4.10 Organisms and environments. The student knows that organisms undergo similar life processes and have structures that help them survive within their environment.	5.10 Organisms and environments. The student knows that organisms undergo similar life processes and have structures that help them survive within their environments.	
	VI.B.1. Child identifies and describes the characteristics of organisms.	SCI.K.10A Sort plants and animals into groups based on physical characteristics such as color, size, body covering, or leaf shape.	SCI.1.10B Identify and compare the parts of plants.	SCI.2.10B Observe, record, and compare how the physical characteristics of plants help them meet their basic needs such as stems carry water throughout the plant.	SCI.3.10A Explore how structures and functions of plants and animals allow them to survive in a particular environment.	SCI.4.10A Explore how adaptations enable organisms to survive in their environment such as comparing birds' beaks and leaves on plants.	Ⓡ SCI.5.10A Compare the structures and functions of different species that help them live and survive such as hooves on prairie animals or webbed feet in aquatic animals.	



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Organisms and Environments	VI.B.1. Child identifies and describes the characteristics of organisms.	SCI.K.10B Identify parts of plants such as roots, stem, and leaves and parts of animals such as head, eyes, and limbs.	SCI.1.10A Investigate how the external characteristics of an animal are related to where it lives, how it moves, and what it eats.	SCI.2.10A Observe, record, and compare how the physical characteristics and behaviors of animals help them meet their basic needs such as fins help fish move and balance in the water.			
	VI.B.2. Child describes life cycles of organisms.	SCI.K.10D Observe changes that are part of a simple life cycle of a plant: seed, seedling, plant, flower, and fruit.	SCI.1.10D Observe and record life cycles of animals such as a chicken, frog, or fish.	SCI.2.10C Investigate and record some of the unique stages that insects undergo during their life cycle.	Ⓢ SCI.3.10C Investigate and compare how animals and plants undergo a series of orderly changes in their diverse life cycles such as tomato plants, frogs, and lady bugs.	SCI.4.10C Explore, illustrate, and compare life cycles in living organisms such as butterflies, beetles, radishes, or lima beans.	Ⓢ SCI.5.10C Describe the differences between complete and incomplete metamorphosis of insects.
		SCI.K.10C Identify ways that young plants resemble the parent plant.	SCI.1.10C Compare ways that young animals resemble their parents.		SCI.3.10B Explore that some characteristics of organisms are inherited such as the number of limbs on an animal or flower color and recognize that some behaviors are learned in response to living in a certain environment such as animals using tools to get food.	SCI.4.10B Demonstrate that some likenesses between parents and offspring are inherited, passed from generation to generation such as eye color in humans or shapes of leaves in plants. Other likenesses are learned such as table manners or reading a book and seals balancing balls on their noses.	Ⓢ SCI.5.10B Differentiate between inherited traits of plants and animals such as spines on a cactus or shape of a beak and learned behaviors such as an animal learning tricks or a child riding a bicycle.



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Ⓟ - Process Standards

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