Grade 2 Science  
Science 2

Scientific Process and Inquiry

Stage 1: Desired Results

Catholic Standards

Targeted Standards

OH Grade 2 OH: ELA & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, & Technical Subjects PreK-5

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OH Grade 2 OH: Science (2011)

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Content

1. Scientific process: hypothesis, experiment, observation, conclusion
2. Importance of communication
3. Scientific tools/equipment/instruments
4. Safety procedures
5. Importance of technology
6. Ethical Practices Reflecting Catholic Social Teachings

Skills

Observe the world of familiar objects using the senses and tools.

Ask questions, make logical predictions, plan investigations, and represent data.

1. Identify the major components of the process by which scientists learn about the world.

Communicate understanding of simple data using age-

appropriate vocabulary.

1. Collaborate in small groups to design and implement an investigation/experiment utilizing the scientific process (hypothesis, experiment, observation, and conclusion).

Use appropriate safety procedures when completing scientific investigations.

Collect, discuss, and communicate findings from a variety of investigations.

Use evidence to develop explanations of scientific investigations. (What do you think? How do you know?)

Recognize that explanations are generated in response to observations, events and phenomena.

Explain how simple tools are used to extend the senses, make life easier, and solve everyday problems.

1. Predict how building or trying something new might affect other people and the environment.

Describe that scientific investigations generally work the same way under the same conditions.

1. Communicate orally, pictorially, or in written form the design process used to make something (e.g. musical instrument).
2. Ask, explore, and generate "how can I/we" or "how do you know" questions.
3. Share explanations with others to provide opportunities to ask questions, examine evidence, and suggest alternative explanations.
4. Prove through investigation that scientific experiments generally work the same way under the same conditions.
5. Propose an explanation as to why scientists review and ask questions about the results of other scientists' work.
6. Demonstrate that in science it is helpful to work with a team and share findings with others.
7. Cite evidence to develop explanations of scientific investigations. (How do you know?)
8. Determine and use the correct tools and simple equipment/instruments because it is vital to safe and effective work.
9. Estimate and measure properties of objects in U.S. customary and metric units using tools such as rulers, balances, and thermometers.
10. Interact with living things and the environment in ways that promote respect.
11. Compare/contrast the benefits and risks of developing and using technology.
12. Inquire about why people make new products or invent new ways to meet their individual wants and needs.
13. Assess ways in which using the solution to a problem might affect other people and the environment.
14. Discover how men and women everywhere have found practicing science rewarding both as a career and in their daily life.

**Common Core Literacy Skills**

1. Read closely and comprehend scientific text.
2. Cite evidence from text.
3. Draw conclusions from text.
4. Integrate correct scientific terms.
5. Interpret pictures and diagrams.
6. Compare and contrast two texts on the same topic.
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4. Edit and revise writing samples.
5. Utilize technology to produce and publish writing.
6. Conduct research projects.
7. Gather relevant sources.
8. Draw conclusions from evidence in text.

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1. Participate in collaborative skills.
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5. Add drawings to provide additional details.
6. Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings and ideas clearly.

Essential Questions

1. How are scientific questions answered?
2. How can I communicate what I have discovered?
3. How do I use science tools safely?
4. Why should I respect the environment?
5. How does technology improve my life?

Standards Vocabulary

1. scientific process
2. hypothesis
3. experiment
4. conclusion
5. observation
6. communicate
7. estimate
8. tools
9. safety procedures
10. data
11. equipment
12. instruments
13. measurements
14. technology

Stage 2: Assessment Evidence

Broken Safety Rules Game

Formative: Cooperative Group Work

Students will evaluate different teacher-created scenarios that depict a safety procedure that went wrong. They will work in teams to see which team can identify the broken rule the quickest. Teams must deliberate to determine what went wrong and how the scenario should be corrected. When a team arrives at a decision, its members shout, "Done." To summarize the activity, students will write a short statement on the importance of safety in the science classroom. What assessment tools/strategies will you use to assess student work? (checklists, rubrics, self-assessment tools, etc.)

Bubbles Experiment

Formative: Lab Assignment

Using different bubble wands to discuss the scientific process, students will predict and investigate whether the shape of a bubble wand affects the shape of the bubbles. Students will divide a paper into four squares. In each box the students will draw one step in the bubble experiment. As part of the investigation, students will analyze through written expression the following questions:a. Would the experiment change if it was conducted at home?b. How does it help to work with a team to conduct this investigation? Finally, students will create a list of "how do you know" questions about the experiment. They will share these questions with the class. What assessment tools/strategies will you use to assess student work? (checklists, rubrics, self-assessment tools, etc.)

Careers in Science

Formative: Visual Arts Project

Following a class discussion on the importance of science careers, students will select a career that interests them and create a poster about that career. They will share their posters with the class. What assessment tools/strategies will you use to assess student work? (checklists, rubrics, self-assessment tools, etc.)

Technology Advancements

Summative: Project

Students will interview a family member regarding the effects that technology has played in their life (e.g. cell phones, cable, iPods, cars). After collecting the information, they will compare/contrast the benefits and risks of developing and using technology. Students will then select one piece of technology and research basic facts regarding it. Using a digital tool, they will prepare a short report summarizing some simple basic facts about the piece of technology they researched and share their report with the class. What assessment tools/strategies will you use to assess student work? (checklists, rubrics, self-assessment tools, etc.)

Resources

Stage 3: Learning Plan

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Shout, "Go" and then have teams turn the papers over and study a scenario. Teams must deliberate to determine what went wrong and how the scenario should be corrected. When a team arrives at a decision, its members shout, "Done." Write each team's number on the board in the order in which it completed the assignment. Summarize the activity by having students write a short statement on the importance of safety in the science classroom and have them share their statements with the class.

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2. Read aloud one of several books on Scientist in the Field. (e.g. *Digging for Bird-Dinosaur* by Nic Bishop, *The Wildlife Detectives* by Donna Jackson, *The Snake Scientist* by Sybil Montgomery.) As a class discuss the importance of science careers. Have students select a career that interests them and have them create a poster about that career and share it with the class.
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* Safety Rules (<http://www.ehow.com/way_5503018_science-lab-safety-activities.html#ixzz2Wr5jLluL>)

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1. iPad Resources
2. Literature Connection  
   *The Magic School Bus and the Science Fair Expedition* by Joanna Cole and Bruce Degen  
   *How to Think Like A Scientist: Answering Questions by the Science Method* by Stephen P. Kramer  
   *Solving Science Questions: A Book about the Scientific Process* by Rachel Chappell  
   *What Is A Scientist?* by Barbara Lehn  
   *Scientists Ask Questions* by Ginger Garrett  
   *What Is Science?* by Rebecca Kai Dotlich  
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   *The Scientific Method in Fairy Tale Forest* by Laura Magner  
   *Science Safety Rules* by Kelli Hicks

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a. Air has properties that can be observed and measured.  
b. Air takes up space (has volume) and has mass.  
c. Heating and cooling of air (transfer of energy) results in movement of air (wind).  
d. The transfer of energy in the atmosphere causes air movement, which is felt as wind.  
e. Wind speed and direction can be measured.

**Water is present in the air.**

a. Water is present in the air as clouds, steam, fog, rain, ice, snow, sleet or hail.  
b. When water in the air cools (change of energy), it forms small droplets of water that can be seen as clouds. c. Water can change from liquid to vapor in the air and from vapor to liquid.  
d. The water droplets can form into raindrops.  
e. Water droplets can change to solid by freezing into snow, sleet or hail.  
f. Clouds are moved by flowing air.

Skills

Recognize that air takes up space and can be weighed.

Recall that weather changes occur due to energy changes.

1. Describe four elements of weather: wind, temperature, pressure, precipitation and how they can be measured.
2. Recognize that wind can be measured with numeric value and direction.
3. Calculate measurements of the direction and speed of wind and the air temperature using a variety of instruments (e.g., windsocks, weather vane, thermometers or simple anemometers).
4. Recognize that a weather front is an area where different air masses collide.
5. Name and compare weather events that are related to wind (e.g., tornadoes, hurricanes).
6. Monitor weather changes using technology.

Recall that water can change from liquid to vapor and/or vapor to liquid.

1. Demonstrate and explain the physical properties of water including water vapor.
2. Explore the concepts of condensation and evaporation through experimentation and observation.
3. Explore and discuss the different parts of the water cycle.
4. Compare how changes in energy affect all aspects of weather, including temperature, precipitation amount and wind.
5. Document and explain weather patterns and fronts.
6. Recognize cloud formation and types of clouds as they relate to weather, storm fronts and changing weather.

Identify clouds as droplets of water and the droplets can combine and form into raindrops.

1. Appreciate the gift of different seasons and types of weather.
2. Introduce factors such as water contamination as they relate to pollution.

Identify and list sources of air, noise, and ground pollution.

Compare renewable and non-renewable resources.

Identify harmful effects of pollution on our fragile planet.

Evaluate benefits of reduce, reuse, recycle in classroom, school, and home.

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Essential Questions

1. How do we get day and night?
2. Does everyone in the world have day and night at the same time?
3. How does the atmosphere shape Earth's climate and weather?
4. How do air and water relate to weather and weather changes?
5. How does weather change over time?
6. Why is it important to conserve our natural resources?

Standards Vocabulary

1. atmosphere
2. water vapor
3. volume
4. mass
5. anemometer
6. condensation
7. evaporation
8. water cycle
9. cloud formation
10. weather patterns
11. fronts
12. temperature
13. precipitation
14. conservation
15. natural resources

Stage 2: Assessment Evidence

Making an Anemometer

Formative: Cooperative Group Work

Using the anemometer they have made, students will collect wind direction, speed and force readings from the anemometer daily for two weeks. They will record their findings on a data table and graph their results. Students will draw conclusions from their data table, prepare a summary report, and present their findings to the class. What assessment tools/strategies will you use to assess student work? (checklists, rubrics, self-assessment tools, etc.)

Condensation and Evaporation

Formative: Lab Assignment

Working with a partner, students will design and create a community in an aquarium that is enclosed and has soil, plants, and water. Over a specified period of time, they will observe and test the effects of sun on evaporation and condensation rates and the air and/or water temperature. They will evaluate their findings in a written summary and discuss their findings with the class. What assessment tools/strategies will you use to assess student work? (checklists, rubrics, self-assessment tools, etc.)

What Is a Weather Front?

Summative: Lab Assignment

Students will illustrate what happens when a warm air mass collides with and replaces a cold air mass. After completing the activity, they will describe what they saw happen when the oil and water mixed and share their conclusions with the class. What assessment tools/strategies will you use to assess student work? (checklists, rubrics, self-assessment tools, etc.)

Wind and Cloud Changes

Formative: Class Work

Using the collected data, the class will outline the relationship between wind and cloud changes vs. changes in weather from one season to another season. They will describe the relationships in a class discussion using their written summary and graphic representation. What assessment tools/strategies will you use to assess student work? (checklists, rubrics, self-assessment tools, etc.)

Resources

Stage 3: Learning Plan

Learning Experiences

1. Making an Anemometer. Have students work in cooperative groups to construct an anemometer. See the Links.  
   ***The materials that youll be needing are:***  
   *5 cups (can either be plastic or styro; as long as they are light)*  
   *2 long straws*  
   *1 pencil with eraser*  
   *1 pin (pushpins or thumbtacks)*  
   *Colored marker*  
   *Tape*  
   ***Steps in How to Make an Anemometer***  
   *First, students will mark one of the cups with the colored marker. Any mark will do, as long as it is big for the student to see it clearly when it spins. This then becomes your starting point or marker when measuring the wind speed.*  
   *After the students have made the mark, you set aside that marked cup. Then get another cup that will be used for the center piece. Make four small holes at the upper part of the cup. The holes must be big enough for the straws to fit, and the straws must be making a cross (+) at the center of the cup. Then the students will tape the center of the straws where they intersected, for it to hold together.*  
   *Next, the students will take a pencil with an eraser, make another hole at the bottom of their center piece cup and insert the pencil with the eraser up and under where the two straws intersect. Then with the use of a pushpin or thumbtack, the students will pin the intersected portion of the straws down to the eraser to hold them. (Note: Dont push the pin too much because the straws might not spin with the wind because the pin holds them down too tight.)*  
   *Finally, make a small hole on the side of each remaining cup (including the first cup that you marked) for the ends of the straws to be inserted. They must be facing the same direction for when the wind blows, theyll be dragged by it.*  
   *Now, place the DIY anemometer on the ground and wait until the wind comes.*  
   *In measuring the speed, count the times in which your marked cup has made one complete turn in one minute. The results will therefore be turns per minute, and thats the speed of the wind. Its also the same as with revolutions per minute (RPM), which is the standard unit of measurement for speed.*  
   Using the anemometer, have students collect wind direction, speed and force. Students will take readings from the anemometer daily for two weeks. Students will record their findings on a data table and graph their results. Students will draw conclusions from their data table and present them in writing to the class.
2. Condensation and Evaporation. Working with a partner, have students design and create a community in an aquarium that is enclosed and has soil, plants, and water. Over a specified period of time, have them test the effects of sun on evaporation and condensation rates and the air and/or water temperature. Have partners observe various aspects of the "community" and evaluate their findings in a written summary and discuss their findings with the class.
3. What are weather fronts? Have students illustrate what happens when a warm air mass collides with and replaces a cold air mass. (See Link.) After completing the activity, have students describe what they saw happen when the oil and water mixed. Have them share their conclusions with the class.

As a class, compare the different appearances of clouds (shapes, sizes, shades of white/gray). Document the observations over a period of time to find if there is a relationship between the characteristics of the clouds and the weather (storms, precipitation types and/or amounts).

Using student-collected data, outline the relationship between wind and cloud changes vs. changes in weather from one season to another season. Outline relationships in writing or through a class discussion, oral presentation and/or graphic representation.

Resources

* PBS Learning Media (<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org>)

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1. iPad Resources
2. Literature Connection  
   *Th*e *Cloud Book* by Tomie dePaola  
   *The Magic School Bus Rides the Wind* by Anne Capeci and Carolyn Bracken  
   *Who Likes the Wind? (Exploring the Elements)* by Etta Kaner  
   *Air and Weather* by Lawrence Hall of Science  
   *Down Comes the Rain* by Franklyn M. Branley  
   *The Water Cycle* by Rebecca Olien  
   *A Drop Around the World* by Barbara McKinney  
   *Water Dance* by Thomas Locker  
   *The Snowflake : A Water Cycle Story* by Neil Waldman  
   *Water, Water Everywhere* by Cynthia Overbeck Bix  
   *Weather Patterns* by Monica Hughes

Resources

* Teacher Resource -- Atmosphere (classroom.jc-schools.net/sci-units/atmosphere.htm)

Grade 2 Science  
Science 2

LS: Interactions within Habitats

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OH Grade 2 OH: Science (2011)

Life Science (LS)

Topic: Interactions within Habitats

Living things cause changes on Earth.

Science Inquiry and Application

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Content

**Living things cause changes on Earth.**

a. Living things function and interact with their physical environments.  
b. Living things cause changes in the environments where they live.  
c. Changes made by living things can be very noticeable or slightly noticeable, fast or slow.

**Some kinds of individuals that once lived on Earth have completely disappeared, although they were something like others that are alive today.**

a. Living things that once lived on Earth no longer exist.  
b. Their basic needs were no longer met.

Skills

Recognize scientifically accurate facts in stories about environmental change caused by living things.

Recognize that the environment is a combination of the interactions between living and non-living components.

Explain that living things can cause changes in their environment, which can be observed and recorded.

Recognize that the interactions between living and non-living things in the environment can cause changes in groups of living things and the physical environment (soil, rocks, water).

1. Research reasons why organisms can survive only in environments that meet their needs.
2. Explain that fossils are physical traces of living things that are preserved in rock.
3. Define extinction as the disappearance of the last member of a living things kind.
4. Explain that extinction generally occurs as a result of changed conditions to which the living things kind is not suited.
5. Recognize that some kinds of living things that once lived on Earth are something like others that are alive today.
6. Discover and communicate how fossils provide evidence about plants and animals that lived long ago and the nature of the environment at that time.
7. Observe how living things can cause changes in their environment.
8. Evaluate how interactions can cause changes in groups of living things and the physical environment.
9. Describe and explain how living things become extinct.
10. Name an organism that was once abundant in the local area that now is extinct.
11. Explore and compare an array of organisms, both extinct and extant.

Compare the macroscopic features of organisms (e.g., an elephant) that are alive today with those of similar extinct organisms (e.g., a mammoth).

1. Appreciate that God provides us, and all creatures, with all they need to live.

**Common Core Literacy Skills**

1. Read closely and comprehend scientific text.
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3. Draw conclusions from text.
4. Integrate correct scientific terms.
5. Interpret pictures and diagrams.
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8. Distinguish between pictorial and informational text.

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5. Add drawings to provide additional details.
6. Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings and ideas clearly.

Essential Questions

1. How do animals and plants survive?
2. How do animals and plants interact with their environment?
3. How can plant/animal life cycles be compared and contrasted?
4. How do seasonal weather changes affect plants?
5. How do fossils provide us with information about plants and animals that lived long ago?

Standards Vocabulary

1. organisms
2. fossils
3. extinct
4. extant
5. environment
6. adaptation

Stage 2: Assessment Evidence

Fossils

Summative: Writing Assignment

Using the fossil they make in class, students will write a creative story about the fossil and how it came to be. They will share their stories with the class. What assessment tools/strategies will you use to assess student work? (checklists, rubrics, self-assessment tools, etc.)

Worm Composting

Summative: Comparative Study

Students will create a worm composting area on school grounds and observe how worms compost food scraps into planting material. After composting takes place, students will use the material in flower beds and/or gardens around the school grounds. What assessment tools/strategies will you use to assess student work? (checklists, rubrics, self-assessment tools, etc.)

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Summative: Project

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Changes Observed in Nature

Formative: Project

Students will find and observe a plot of land that has been abandoned near their home or in a nearby location and make predictions about how the appearance of that property might change over time if there is no human intervention. They will document the changes they observe over a period of time and write a report describing those changes. Students will share their report with the class. What assessment tools/strategies will you use to assess student work? (checklists, rubrics, self-assessment tools, etc.)

Stage 3: Learning Plan

Learning Experiences

1. Make a Fossil! Have students create fossils using the following materials: Plaster of Paris, water, clean sand and a hard object to make an impression.  
   *Steps:*  
   *a. Students will fill a pan or bowl with sand.*  
   *b. Sprinkle the sand with water until it is moist enough to hold an impression.*  
   *c. Make an impression in the sand with the hard object of your choice.*  
   *d. Mix the water and the Plaster of Paris together in a small bowl.*  
   *e. Immediately pour the Plaster of Paris mixture into the sand impression.*  
   *f. Let the Plaster of Paris dry for about an hour or until it is hard.*  
   *g. Remove your fossil from the sand!*  
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   a. *How many other organisms are impacted by the presence of the dam?*  
   *b. How does the dam impact the river or stream?*

Resources

* Worm Composting (<http://www.wikihow.com/Make-Your-Own-Worm-Compost-System>)

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   *The Magic School Bus Hops Home: A Book About Animal Habitats* by Pat Relf and Nancy Stevenson  
   *Magic Tree House Fact Tracker #1: Dinosaurs: A Nonfiction Companion to Magic Tree House #1: Dinosaurs Before Dark* by Will Osborne and Mary Pope Osborne  
   *Animals and Habitats of the United States* by Jeff Corwin  
   *Fossils Tell of Long Ago* by Aliki  
   *Archaeologists Dig for Clues* by Kate Duke  
   *Digging Up Dinosaurs* by Aliki
3. Field Trip:  
   Natural History Museum, The Secret Lives of Dinosaurs. Call for information 216.231.4600

Resources

* Construct A Saurus (<http://www.metroparks.cc/education-documents/education_brochure.pdf>)

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PS: Changes in Motion

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Physical Science (PS)

Topic: Changes in Motion

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**Forces change the motion of an object.**

a. Motion can increase, change direction or stop depending on the force applied.

b. The change in motion of an object is related to the size of the force.

c. Some forces act without touching, such as using a magnet to move an object or objects falling to the ground. d. Forces change the motion of an object.

1. **Basic simple machines are of various types and have different uses (levers, wedges, screws, pulley, wheels, incline planes).**

Skills

1. Observe how forces are needed to change the movement (speed up, slow down, change direction or stop) of an object.
2. Demonstrate and explain that forces are needed to change the movement (speed up, slow down, change direction or stop) of an object.
3. Compare forces that act when objects are in contact (e.g. pushing or pulling) and not in contact (e.g., magnetic or gravitational) with one another.
4. Determine why larger forces can cause larger changes in motion.
5. Recognize that Earths gravity pulls any object toward it, without touching the object.
6. Show how static electricity also can pull or push objects without touching the object.
7. Demonstrate how magnets can pull some objects to them (attraction) or push objects away from them (repulsion).
8. Conduct experiments investigating the effects of gravity, static electricity and magnets on different types of objects.
9. Identify a non-contact force that can affect the motion of an object.
10. Give two examples of how a force can be applied to an object.

Identify magnetic and non-magnetic materials.

Demonstrate attraction and repulsion of magnetic poles.

Observe and describe a magnetic field.

Recognize that magnetic force decreases as distance increases.

Describe how magnetic forces can affect objects through gases, liquids and solids.

1. Explain the relationship between forces and motion.
2. Identify contact/non-contact forces that affect motion of an object (e.g., gravity, magnetic force, contact).
3. Recognize that greater changes in the motion of an object require larger forces.
4. Apply strategies for comparing and measuring objects to solve problems.

Investigate examples of the six simple machines and correctly identify them.

Explain that tools are used to do things better, faster, or more easily.

Distinguish between objects that have wheels and axles and those that do not.

Use a pulley to lift a heavy object and record their observations.

Use lubricants and rollers and observe how they reduce friction.

Evaluate which simple machine to use for a given task.

1. Appreciate the movement of all things God has created.

**Common Core Literacy Skills**

1. Read closely and comprehend scientific text.
2. Cite evidence from text.
3. Draw conclusions from text.
4. Integrate correct scientific terms.
5. Interpret pictures and diagrams.
6. Compare and contrast two texts on the same topic.
7. Utilize various text features (e.g. headings, tables of contents, glossaries, electronic menus, and icon).
8. Distinguish between pictorial and informational text.

**Common Core Writing Content**

1. Formulate arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
2. Compose informative/explanatory text.
3. Produce clear and coherent writing, appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
4. Edit and revise writing samples.
5. Utilize technology to produce and publish writing.
6. Conduct research projects.
7. Gather relevant sources.
8. Draw conclusions from evidence in text.
9. Write routinely for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**Common Core Listening and Speaking Skills**

1. Participate in collaborative skills.
2. Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions.
3. Ask and answer clarifying questions.
4. Use background knowledge to describe familiar people, places, things, and events.
5. Add drawings to provide additional details.
6. Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings and ideas clearly.

Essential Questions

1. How are motion and force related?
2. How can we make objects move?
3. How and why do machines make our work easier?

Standards Vocabulary

1. force
2. motion
3. push
4. pull
5. gravity
6. magnetism
7. movement
8. simple machines
9. levers
10. wedges
11. screws
12. pulley
13. wheels
14. incline planes

Stage 2: Assessment Evidence

Move A Matchbox Car

Summative: Cooperative Group Work

Working in cooperative groups, students will design and construct a device to move a matchbox car from one position to another without touching it. They will test the device and evaluate their design to make any necessary modifications. Using their device, they will plan and implement a scientific experiment to explore the effects some objects have on others even when the two objects do not touch (e.g., magnets). Finally, they will pictorially represent the design and compare their design with the designs from the different groups in the class and compare their effectiveness. What assessment tools/strategies will you use to assess student work? (checklists, rubrics, self-assessment tools, etc.)

Forces and Motion

Formative: Class Work

Students will plan and implement a scientific experiment to explore how to change how something is moving (e.g., push, pull, speeding up, slowing down, changing direction, stopping). They will conduct the investigation and represent their observations from the experiment orally and in writing. Using their observations in a class discussion, they will explain the relationship between forces and motion. What assessment tools/strategies will you use to assess student work? (checklists, rubrics, self-assessment tools, etc.)

Getting Objects to Move

Formative: Cooperative Group Work

Students will predict and investigate the changes in motion that a moving object or an object at rest experiences when acted on by a force (e.g., push, pull, gravity). They will compare what is needed to get stationary objects moving and what is needed to get moving objects to stop and share their work with the class. What assessment tools/strategies will you use to assess student work? (checklists, rubrics, self-assessment tools, etc.)

Simple Machines

Summative: Observation

Working with a partner, students will walk around the school grounds looking for evidence of simple machines and create a list of the simple machines they find. They will pictorially depict the machines and write a brief statement about how the machines make life easier. They will share their report with the class. What assessment tools/strategies will you use to assess student work? (checklists, rubrics, self-assessment tools, etc.)

Resources

Stage 3: Learning Plan

Learning Experiences

1. Move A Matchbox Car. Working in cooperative groups, have students design and construct a device to move a matchbox car from one position to another without touching it. Have them test the device and evaluate their design to make any necessary modifications.

Using their device, have them plan and implement a scientific experiment to explore the effects some objects have on others even when the two objects do not touch (e.g., magnets).

Have them pictorially represent the design and then have them compare the designs and their effectiveness from the different groups in the class.

As a class, have the students plan and implement a scientific experiment to explore how to change how something is moving (e.g., push, pull, speeding up, slowing down, changing direction, stopping). (See Links.) Conduct the investigation and then have students represent their observations from the experiment orally and in writing. Using their observations in a class discussion explain the relationship between forces and motion.

Working in cooperative groups, have students predict and investigate the changes in motion that a moving object or an object at rest experiences when acted on by a force (e.g., push, pull, gravity). (See Links.) Have them compare what is needed to get stationary objects moving and what is needed to get moving objects to stop and share their work with the class.

1. Simple Machines. Working with a partner, have students walk around the school grounds looking for evidence of simple machines and create a list of the simple machines they found. Have them pictorially depict the machines and write a brief statement about how the machines make life easier. Have them share their report with the class.
2. Have a class discussion around the types of careers that design vehicles or devices that respond to or are impacted by force (e.g., airplanes, boats, trucks). Have students explore a career related to various types of transportation, including those connected to the military, through available resources in the school or classroom library. Have them depict their findings in a drawing.

Resources

* Simple Machines Activity (<http://edheads.org/activities/simple-machines/>)

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1. iPad Resources
2. Literature Connection  
   *Pull, Lift, and Lower: A Book About Pulleys (Amazing Science: Simple* Machines) by Michael Dahl  
   *Wheels and Axles* by Michael Dahl  
   *How Do You Lift a Lion?* by Robert E. Wells  
   *Simple Machines* by Deborah Hodge  
   *Forces Make Things Move* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
   *Energy Makes Things Happen* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
   *What Magnets Can Do* by Allan Fowler  
   *Magnets: Pulling Together, Pushing Apart* by Natalie M. Rosinsky  
   *Motion: Push and Pull, Fast and Slow* by Darlene R. Stille

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