

Grade: Fourth Physical Science

Content Area: Science Module: Energy and Motion

Students will be able to answer the following essential questions	Inquiry Activities	Materials	Assessment tools	Notes
Lesson One *How do forces affect motion?	An Object's Motion	*golf ball & table tennis ball	STEM Module Project to be completed after lessons one - three	
Students will construct an explanation to describe the cause and effect relationship between forces and motion.	An Object's Surface Area	*2 sheets of notebook paper *4 books, 2 cardboard	Design a Roller Coaster Students must design, build, test their roller coaster build as well as communicate their	
Lesson Two *How are speed and energy related?	The Moving Ball	tubes, masking tape, stopwatch, & table tennis ball	results. Student Rubric & Teacher Rubric are	
Students will construct an explanation about the relationship between speed and energy.	Mass Matters	*2 books, clipboard, 500ml plastic bottle w/ screw cap, plastic cup, water, graduated cylinder, meter stick, & masking tape	included for grading.	
Lesson Three *How does energy transfer when objects collide? Students will ask questions and construct an	Explore Toy Car Crashes	*5 books, sheet of cardboard, masking tape, 2 identical toy cars, & ruler		

explanation to describe the transfer of energy when objects collide.	Newton's Cradle	*Online simulation - google "newton's cradle"		
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Content Area: Science Module: Energy Transfer

Students will be able to answer the following essential questions	Inquiry Activities	Materials	Assessment tools	Notes
Lesson One *What are the types of energy?	Build an energy transforming device	*safety goggles, rubber balloon, scissors, plastic cup, pom-poms, meter stick	STEM Module Project to be completed after lessons one - four	
Students will make observations to explain how different types of energy can be transferred in various ways.	Energy on the move	*safety goggles, wind-up toy, pom-pom launcher, pom-poms, rubber ball, marbles	Design a Community Warning System Students must design, build, test their community warning	
Lesson Two *How are sound and light energy transferred? Students will plan and carry out investigations to	Make Sound	*Sharpened pencil, paper cup, paper clip, scissors, rubber band, ruler, masking tape	system as well as communicate their results. Student Rubric & Teacher Rubric are	
describe and model how energy transfers with sound and light.	A bright idea	*2 identical cups, markers, 2 sheets of black construction paper	included for grading.	
Lesson Three *How is electrical energy transferred?	Make it work	*mini lightbulb, wire with clips, d-cell battery		
Students will use their observations from their investigations to describe	Build different circuits	*10 wires, 4 d-cell batteries, 4 battery		

how energy is transferred by electric currents.		holders, 6 mini light bulbs, 6 lightbulb holders	
Lesson Four	Particles on the move		
*What is heat?		*2 clear plastic cups,	
		water (cold & hot),	
Students will plan and carry		sharpie, white paper,	
out investigations to explain		blue & red food	
how energy can be		coloring, ice cube	
transferred by heat.	Energy transfer through		
	matter	*Simulation found online	

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Content Area: Science Module: Natural Resources in the Environment

Students will be able to answer the following essential questions	Inquiry Activities	Materials	Assessment tools	Notes
Lesson One *How do we get energy from nonrenewable resources? Students will obtain and combine information about the source of nonrenewable	Limited Resources	*90 plastic beads (non-renewable), 10 beads of a different color (renewable), small bowl, small brown paper bag.	STEM Module Project to be completed after lessons one - four Build a solar oven Students must design,	
resources, and how their uses affect humans.	Energy Usage Investigation	*chromebook for research	build, and test their ovens as well as communicate their results.	
Lesson Two *How do we get energy from renewable resources Students will obtain and combine information about the source of renewable resources, and how their uses affect humans.	Renewable Resources	**80 plastic beads (non-renewable), 20 beads of a different color (renewable), 20 more beads of a diff. color, small bowl, small brown paper bag.	Student Rubric & Teacher Rubric are included for grading.	
Lesson Three *How does our use of energy resources affect the environment? Students will obtain and combine information about the effects of nonrenewable resources on the environment.	Oil Spill Cleanup	*container w/ water, ruler, dark olive oil, bird feather, paper towels, dish detergent, plastic spoon, cotton balls, pieces of sponge, chenille stems.		
Lesson Four *How can we design a	Build a solar circuit	*solar cell with wires,		

device that converts energy?	light socket with clips, LED lamp	
Students will use their observations to construct an explanation and design a device that converts energy from one form to another.		

Grade: Fourth Earth Science

Content Area: Science Module: Earth and Its Changing Features

Students will be able to answer the following essential questions	Inquiry Activities	Materials	Assessment tools	Notes
Lesson One *How can we use maps to describe patterns in landforms?	Map California's Features	*sheet of cardboard, Cali outline, glue, measuring cup, flour, salt, water, bowl, spoon, sharpies	STEM Module Project to be completed after lessons one - three Don't get Carried	
Students will use maps to interpret and analyze data and describe patterns in landforms	Map the Ocean Floor	*modeling clay, shoe box, pencil, drinking straw, ruler	AwayIdentify a problem caused by erosion and come up with two solutions.	
Lesson Two *What can we learn from rocks and fossils?	Fossil Dig	*Online simulation	Students must design, build, and test their solutions as well as communicate their	
Students will construct an explanation about how rock and fossil formations change a landscape over time.	Fossil Model	*modeling clay, classroom objects	results. Student Rubric & Teacher Rubric are included for grading.	
Lesson Three *How do landscapes change over time? Students will plan and carry	Shake, Rattle, & Roll	*graduated cylinder, 2 jars w/ lids & water, sandstone rocks, stopwatch, hand lens, masking tape, marker		
out investigations to observe the effects to Earth's surface by living and nonliving things.	Effects of Vegetation	*2 sm aluminum pans, lg aluminum pan, measuring cup, topsoil, 14 forks, filter paper, pan balance, ruler, wood block		

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Content Area: Science Module: Earthquakes

Students will be able to answer the following essential questions	Inquiry Activities	Materials	Assessment tools	Notes
Lesson One *What patterns are there in the location of earthquakes?	Plot Earthquakes - data analysis	*table from workbook	STEM Module Project to be completed after lessons one - three	
Students will analyze and interpret data from maps to observe patterns of earthquake occurrences.	Earth's Features	*topographic world map	Design an earthquake resistant building Students must design,	
Lesson Two *How can we model earthquake movement?	Make Waves	*aluminum pan w/ water, ruler, cork, slinky, modeling clay, masking tape	build, and test their models as well as communicate their results.	
Students will develop and use models to describe the patterns in waves and how waves causes objects to move	Earthquake Waves	*Earthquake waves simulation online	Student Rubric & Teacher Rubric are included for grading.	
Lesson Three *What solutions can reduce earthquake damage?	Earthquake Effects	*tape, 2 identical textbooks, construction paper, blocks, 4 smooth pencils		
Students will construct explanations about the effects of earthquakes on structures and design solutions to reduce earthquake damage.	Earthquake-Resistant Structures - Research	*Access to Internet		

Grade: Fourth Life Science

Content Area: Science Module: Structures and Functions of Living Things

Students will be able to answer the following essential questions	Inquiry Activities	Materials	Assessment tools	Notes
Lesson One *How do plant structures help them survive, grow and reproduce? Students will construct an argument to explain how plants use their structures to survive, grow, and reproduce. Lesson Two *How do animal structures help them survive, grow, and reproduce? Students will construct an argument to explain how animals use their structures to survive, grow, and reproduce.	Plant Parts Survival in different habitats Animal Parts Put your best foot forward	*hand lens *chromebook for research *Colored Pencils *2 plastic containers, water, pea gravel, colored gravel, tongue depressor, fork, tweezers, colored pencils	STEM Module Project to be completed after lessons one and two National Park Presentation Students will prepare a presentation about an endangered species in their park. They will use a model to identify internal and external structures with evidence that explains how the internal and external structures work together to support the organism's survival, growth, behavior, and reproduction. Student Rubric & Teacher Rubric are included for grading.	

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Content Area: Science Module: Information Processing and Transfer

Students will be able to answer the following essential questions	Inquiry Activities	Materials	Assessment tools	Notes
Lesson One *How do animals sense and interpret their environment?	Sense of touch	*3 sandpaper samples of different grades, blindfold, hand lens	STEM Module Project to be completed after lessons one - three	
Students will use a model to explain how animals sense and interpret their environment.	Pill Bugs	*15 pill bugs, plastic habitat, soil w/ leaves, hand lens, paper towels, water, fish food.	Design a pixel message. Students will design a	
Lesson Two *What is the role of animals' eyes?	How light travels	*mirror, white paper, flashlight, protractor, cup of sand, clear cup of water, index card,	device that uses sound, light, kor both to create two different binary codes.	
Students will develop and use a model to explain how light reflecting from objects allows animals' eyes to see.	It's time to focus	*hand lens, white piece of paper	Students must design, build, and test their models as well as communicate their results.	
Lesson Three *How do we use patterns to transmit information?	Secret Message	*flashlight	Student Rubric & Teacher Rubric are included for grading.	
Students will construct an explanation about how patterns are used to transmit information.	Morse Code Message What does that say?	*flashlight, other classroom objects *Chromebook for research		