

Grade: 7 Month: September Content Area: Science Sub Content/Unit: Salmon/Watershed Ecology

What our students will know and be able to do	Learning Activities	Materials	Assessment tools	Notes
 Understand that salmon are a keystone species on which many other species depend for survival. Be able to explain the salmon life cycle and how salmon find their natal streams. Understand water quality conditions that help salmon and macroinvertebrates thrive. Learn about the importance of healthy riparian areas for salmon survival. Know the impacts of stormwater pollution on water quality and salmon health. 	 Field trip to Carmen Smith Spawning Channel to assess water quality, the health of macroinvertebrate s, learn about salmon biology, and what makes for a healthy riparian area. Raising and releasing salmon with 2nd grade buddies. 	 Splash watershed curriculum Tank for salmon Stormwater pollution game cards. 	 Quizzes Written reflections Analysis of data collection in the field 	



Grade: 7 Month: October-December Content Area: Science Sub Content/Unit: Life Science

What our students will know and be able to do	Learning Activities	Materials	Assessment tools	Notes
 Understand that all living things are made of cells which is the smallest unit of what can be said to be alive, and understand that some organisms are single celled and some are multicellular. Understand that cells organize into tissues, organs, and systems that perform certain functions. Know that food must be broken down into molecules and transported to cells for the body to use for energy and building materials. Understand that there is a chemical 	 Labs Readings Inquiry discussions 	 Microscopes, slides, cover slips Amoebas Glucose, pepsin, hydrochloric acid, Benedict's solution, iodine Retractable pens Filter paper Test tubes, 100mL graduated cylinders Hot plates Safety goggles Crackers, boiled egg, red onion, salt, cross section of an animal bone 	 Lab reflections Quizzes Constructed response questions Written assessments 	

 reaction between oxygen and glucose that releases energy. Know that body systems provide cells with basic needs such as food, oxygen, and waste removal. 		
 Understand that cells carry out functions like growing, reproducing, getting energy from food, and responding to stimuli. Also, understand that cells are living things. Know that the nervous system coordinates all other systems. 		



Grade: 7 Month: January-March Content Area: Science Sub Content/Unit: Genetics/Evolution

What our students will know and be able to do	Learning Activities	Materials	Assessment tools	Notes
 Understand that genetics is the study of heredity, the process of passing on traits to offspring Know basic genetic terms, and rules of inheritance including: Mendelian, codominance, blended traits and traits with multiple alleles. Be able to give probabilities of inherited traits using a Punnett square. Be able to explain how physical characteristics of organisms change over generations Understand how mutations and 	 Inventory of Traits activity Bird beak lab Evolution documentary Monkey Island Evolution Game Chameleon camouflage activity Building Beast project to show understanding of adaptations March Mammal Madness research/participat ion 	 Harry Potter Genetics Evolution Unit Bundle Dice Clothespins, tweezers, plastic spoons, chopsticks, cups, dried beans, rice, toothpicks, rubber bands Evolution documentary 	 Lab Reflections Quizzes Final project Essay Final Exam 	

adaptations drive		
evolution		
 Understand how the 		
shape of a bird's		
heak determines		
what it gate is a		
what it eats, i.e.		
beaks adapt to the		
available food		
source.		
 Understand how 		
camouflage can help		
an organism to		
survive in its		
environment		
Onderstand factors		
affecting natural		
selection:		
overproduction,		
variation,		
competition, and		
environmental		
changes.		
Be able to		
demonstrate the		
process of evolution		
through natural		
• Understand the		
process of		
determining the age		
of fossils using		
radioactive dating		
Be able to provide		
evidence of		
evolution through		
tracing the history of		
whales		
 Show understanding 		
of adaptations and		
bow they drive		
evolution		



Grade: 7 Month: March-May Content Area: Science Sub Content/Unit: Chemistry

What our students will know and be able to do	Learning Activities	Materials	Assessment tools	Notes
 Understand that properties are unique characteristics that help identify a substance and distinguish it from other substances, that substances are made of the same atom or molecule all the way through, and that mixtures are made of more than one substance Be able to use solubility, density, hardness, and color to distinguish between substances Understand that properties of a given substance are the same regardless of the amount of the 	 Labs Readings Modeling Soap making 	 So many Aluminum foil copper chloride Test tubes/racks Vegetable shortening and bar soap (lvory) Baking soda, butter, vegetable oil, road salt, beakers, scales Hot plates, temp sensors, ring stand, 500mL beaker Short and long strips of aluminum, zinc, iron, and copper Chalk, rubbing alcohol Plastic baggies, baking soda, road salt, film 	 Lab reflections Quizzes Constructed response questions Essay Modeling 	



Grade: 7 Month: May-June Content Area: Science Sub Content/Unit: Physical/Engineering

What our students will know and be able to do	Learning Activities	Materials	Assessment tools	Notes
 Understand the importance of design and precision when constructing an electric vehicle Be able to collaborate, working as a team to determine conditions that provide optimal performance through trial and error Understand the effects of friction, drag, inertia, speed, momentum, and gravity on car performance Learn that science is really FUN! 	 Designing, building, and testing electric vehicles Electric vehicle race Art concept judging Science concept judging Winners compete in the EWEB EV Challenge with students from Bethel, Springfield and 4J school districts 	 All provided by EWEB: Wheels, axles, battery packs, alligator clips, gears, motors, balsa wood, tools, glue guns, glue sticks, velcro, washers Art supplies (varies) Science concept supplies (varies) 	 Gear ratio worksheet Written response Working vehicle is the main assessment :) 	