

Subject Area: Science

Grade Level: K

Unit 1: Plants and Animals

Dates: September - October

Time Frame: 8 Weeks

Overview

Students are introduced to the unit's anchoring phenomenon of how beavers change land and water. Students find out that sometimes animals have nowhere to go. Students create a space for animals to live in a fictional park where they discover what animals need to live and thrive. Students investigate how people can take care of Earth as they find out how the choices people make can reduce their impacts on the land, water, air, and other living things. Using what they know about what plants, animals, and people need to live and grow, can students identify the many ways beavers change land and water to meet their needs?

Essential Questions

- What do plants need?
- What do animals need?
- What do people need?
- Where are plants and animals found?
- How do plants and animals change Earth?
- How do people change the earth?
- How can people take care of the earth?

Enduring Understandings

- Plants need water and light to live and grow.
- All animals need food to live and grow.
- Animals (including humans) obtain their food from plants or other animals.
- Living things need water, air, and resources from the land,
- Plants and animals can change their environment.
- Things that people do to live comfortably can affect the world around them.
- People can make choices to reduce their impacts on the land, water, air, and other living things.

Skill and Knowledge Objectives

SWBAT:

- Understand that plants need water and light to live and grow
- Learn that animals need food to live and grow. Animals obtain their food from plants or other animals.
- Collect and interpret data from the media about the food people get from four different farms.
- Observe patterns in the ways people get the food they need.
- Sort food by whether it comes from plants or animals.
- Use picture cards to model the connections between plants and animals and the places where they live.
- Learn how plants and animals can change Earth
- Understand that things people do can affect the world around them.

Assessments

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Summative Assessments

Lesson Assessments

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Unit Progress (KWL Chart and Developing a Model to Explain a Phenomenon)

Finally, after the lesson, make sure students have added new three-dimensional knowledge to their unit KWL charts, noting topics they have a firm grasp on and others that you may need to return to or expand upon. Students should have been connecting their learning throughout the lesson's investigations to the unit's anchoring phenomenon, but give them time to reflect with a group about how their three-dimensional learning is helping them make sense of the anchoring phenomenon, revise their models, and ask questions of what else they need to know to more fully make sense of the anchoring

phenomenon.

Resources

- [Video Library](#)
- [Games Library](#)
- [My Notes](#)
- [Glossary](#)
- [Biographies](#)
- [Career Profiles](#)
- [Pacing Guide](#)
- [Assessments](#)

Standards including 9.2 Life Literacies and Key Skills 21st Century

Performance Expectation

K-LS1-1 Use observations to describe patterns of what plants and animals (including humans) need to survive. **K-ESS3-1** Use a model to represent the relationship between the needs of different plants or animals (including humans) and the places they live.

K-ESS2-2 Construct an argument supported by evidence for how plants and animals (including humans) can change the environment to meet their needs.

K-ESS3-3 Communicate solutions that will reduce the impact of humans on the land, water, air, and/or other living things in the local environment.

K-2-ETS1-2 Develop a simple sketch, drawing, or physical model to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function as needed to solve a given problem.

Science and Engineering Practices Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information

- Obtain information using various texts, text features (e.g., headings, tables of contents, glossaries, electronic menus, icons), and other media that will be useful in answering a scientific question and/or supporting a scientific claim.
- Communicate information or design ideas and/or solutions with others in oral and/or written forms using models, drawings, writing, or numbers that provide detail about scientific ideas, practices, and/or design ideas.
- Read and comprehend grade-appropriate complex texts and/or other reliable media to summarize and obtain scientific and technical ideas and describe how they are supported by evidence.

Engaging in Argument from Evidence

- Construct an argument with evidence to support a claim.
- Listen actively to arguments to indicate agreement or disagreement based on evidence, and/or to retell the main points of the argument.

Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking

- Use counting and numbers to identify and describe patterns in the natural and designed world(s).

- Use quantitative data to compare two alternative solutions to a problem.

Analyzing and Interpreting Data

- Use observations (firsthand or from media) to describe patterns and/or relationships in the natural and designed world(s) in order to answer scientific questions and solve problems.

Developing and Using Models

- Develop and/or use a model to represent amounts, relationships, relative scales (bigger, smaller), and/or patterns in the natural and designed world(s).
- Distinguish between a model and the actual object, process, and/or events the model represents.
- Develop a simple model based on evidence to represent a proposed object or tool.

Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions

- Make observations (firsthand or from media) to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena.
- Generate and/or compare multiple solutions to a problem.

Crosscutting Concepts

Patterns

- Patterns in the natural and human-designed world can be observed, used to describe phenomena, and used as evidence.

Systems and System Models

- Systems in the natural and designed world have parts that work together.

Cause and Effect

- Events have causes that generate observable patterns.

Scale, Proportion, and Quantity

- Relative scales allow objects and events to be compared and described (e.g. bigger and smaller; hotter and colder; faster and slower).

Energy and Matter

- Objects may break into smaller pieces, be put together into larger pieces, or change shapes.

Stability and Change

- Some things stay the same while other things change.

Structure and Function

- The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s).

Disciplinary Core Ideas

LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms

- All animals need food in order to live and grow. They obtain their food from plants or from other animals. Plants need water and light to live and grow.

ESS3.A: Natural Resources

- Living things need water, air, and resources from the land, and they live in places that have the things they need. Humans use natural resources for everything they do.

ESS2.E: Biogeology

- Plants and animals can change their environment.

ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems

- Things that people do to live comfortably can affect the world around them. But they can make choices that reduce their impacts on the land, water, air, and other living things.

ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions

- Designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models. These representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem's solutions to other people.

ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems

- Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly understand the problem.
- Asking questions, making observations, and gathering information help think about problems.
- A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering. Such problems may have many acceptable solutions.

- 9.4.2.CT.2: Identify possible approaches and resources to execute a plan (e.g., 1.2.2.CR1b, 8.2.2.ED.3).

Connections to the Nature of Science

Science Knowledge Is Based on Empirical Evidence

- Scientists look for patterns and order when making observations about the world.

Complete NCSS Correlations

ELA Standards

Reading

Read emergent-reader texts with purpose and understanding.

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Writing

Research to Build and Present Knowledge

- CC.K.W.7 Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of books by a favorite author and express opinions about them).

Text Types and Purposes

- **CC.K.W.1** Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose opinion pieces in which they tell a reader the topic or the name of the book they are writing about and state an opinion or preference about the topic or book (e.g., My favorite book is . . .).
- **CC.K.W.2** Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose informative/explanatory texts in which they name what they are writing about and supply some information about the topic.

Speaking and Listening

Comprehension and Collaboration

- **CC.K.SL.2** Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification if something is not understood.

Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

- **CC.K.SL.4** Describe familiar people, places, things, and events and, with prompting and support, provide additional detail.
- **CC.K.SL.6** Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly.
- **CC.K.SL.5** Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions as desired to provide additional detail.

Math Standards

MD. Describe and compare measurable attributes

- **CC.K.MD.2** Directly compare two objects with a measurable attribute in common, to see which object has “more of”/“less of” the attribute, and describe the difference. For example, directly compare the heights of two children and describe one child as taller/shorter.

Unit 1- Plants and Animals

Lesson 1: What Do Plants Need?

[Lesson 1 Guide](#)

Materials:

- Notebook
- Answer Key

Print

- [Picture Cards A-H](#)
- [Reading](#)

Lesson 2: What Do Animals Need?

[Lesson 2 Guide](#)

Materials:

Print

- [Picture Cards A-F](#)
- [Reading Notes Answer Key](#)
- [Science](#)

Lesson 3: What Do People Need?

[Lesson 3 Guide](#)

Materials:

Activities:

- Scissors
- Stapler

Print

- [Audio Transcripts](#)

Lesson 4: Where Are Plants and Animals Found?

[Lesson 4 Guide](#)

Materials:

- Markers, assorted colors
- Yarn

Print

Lesson 5: How Do Plants and Animals Change Earth?

[Lesson 5 Guide](#)

Materials:

- Index card
- Scissors
- String
- Tape, transparent

Print

<p>Notes Answer Key</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science Journal • Spanish: Picture Cards A-H • Spanish: Science Journal • Super Simple Science • Teacher's Guide <p>Activities: Observing Phenomena Students consider how much and how often different plants need water.</p> <p>Investigation Students visit a virtual garden center where they analyze and compare data on plant needs to choose a plant for the class.</p> <p>Making Sense of Phenomena As a class, discuss how students can use what they have learned to explain the Lesson Phenomenon: <i>Some plants need more water. Some need less water.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much water do the potted plants need? • How much water do the crops 	<p>Journal • Spanish: Picture Cards A-F</p> <p>• Spanish: Science Journal</p> <p>• Super Simple Science</p> <p>• Teacher's Guide</p> <p>Activities: Observing Phenomena Students consider what pets need to survive.</p> <p>Investigation Students tour an animal shelter to analyze the needs of different animals and choose a class pet.</p> <p>Making Sense of Phenomena As a class, discuss how students can use what they have learned to explain the Lesson Phenomenon: <i>Cats eat food and drink water, like humans.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the cat on the left doing? • What is the cat on the right doing? <p>Video Lesson Extension: Super Simple Science- Ducks find their own food.</p> <p>How do other wild animals find food?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handout: Tour Books • Reading Notes Answer Key • Science Journal • Spanish Handout: Tour Books • Spanish: Science Journal • Super Simple Science • Teacher's Guide <p>Observing Phenomena Students think about why they eat and how often they eat.</p> <p>Investigation Students tour four farms to find out where foods come from, then sort foods by whether they come from plants or animals.</p> <p>Making Sense of Phenomena As a class, discuss how students can use what they have learned to explain the Lesson Phenomenon: <i>People eat food and drink water many times a day.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do people eat food? Why do people drink water? <p>Video Lesson Extension: Super</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picture Cards A-H • Reading Notes Answer Key • Science Journal • Spanish: Picture Cards A-H • Spanish: Science Journal • Super Simple Science • Teacher's Guide <p>Activities: Observing Phenomena Students consider animals that live in water, near water, and in the air.</p> <p>Investigation Students use picture cards to model what food animals eat and connect plants and animals to their habitats.</p> <p>Making Sense of Phenomena As a class, discuss how students can use what they have learned to explain the Lesson Phenomenon: <i>Some animals live under water. Some animals live above water.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do ducks get what they need above water? • How do fish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handout: Beaver Pictures • Handout: Sentence Strips • Reading Notes Answer Key • Science Journal • Spanish Handout: Beaver Pictures • Spanish Handout: Sentence Strips • Spanish: Science Journal • Super Simple Science • Teacher's Guide <p>Activities: Observing Phenomena Students consider how weeds can change a sidewalk and other ways plants and animals change Earth.</p> <p>Investigation Students make a virtual visit to a beaver pond and locate evidence of beavers changing Earth.</p> <p>Making Sense of Phenomena As a class, discuss how students can use what they have learned to explain the Lesson Phenomenon: <i>This</i></p>
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<p>need?</p> <p>Video Lesson Extension: Super Simple Science- A cactus holds water. Animals stay away.</p> <p>How does a cactus save water?</p>		<p>Simple Science- A sheep's wool keeps it warm.</p> <p>What do sheep need to live?</p>	<p>get what they need under water?</p> <p>Video Lesson Extension: Super Simple Science- A log is a place for many living things.</p> <p>What lives in a log?</p>	<p><i>room is covered in spider webs.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do spiders change an attic? • Why do you think spiders spin their webs? <p>Video Lesson Extension: Super Simple Science- Squirrels dig holes and hide nuts.</p> <p>Where are the nuts hidden?</p>
<p>Lesson 6: How Do People Change Earth?</p> <p>Lesson 6 Guide</p> <p>Materials: Activities: Observing Phenomena Students think about ways they have seen people change Earth, such as pollution and cutting down trees.</p> <p>Investigation Students examine pros and cons and then decide whether to build a new playground in their neighborhood.</p> <p>Making Sense of Phenomena As a class, discuss how students can use what they have learned to explain the Lesson Phenomenon: <i>People sometimes cut down trees.</i></p>	<p>Lesson 7: How Can People Take Care of Earth?</p> <p>Lesson 7 Guide</p> <p>Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aluminum foil, roll • Bag, plastic, 4" x 4" • Balloon • Bowl, plastic, 6 qt • Cornstarch • Cup, 9 oz • Flour • Newspaper • Paint brush, 1" • Paper towels • Spoon, plastic mixing • Strainer • Water, boiling • Water, tap <p>Print</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picture Cards A-B • Reading Notes Answer Key 			

- How are humans changing Earth?
- What will happen to the animals that live in the tree?

Video Lesson

Extension: [Super Simple Science-](#) Paper comes from wood.

What other things are made from wood?

- [Science Journal](#)
- [Spanish: Picture Cards A-B](#)
- [Spanish: Science Journal](#)
- [Super Simple Science](#)
- [Teacher's Guide](#)

Activities:

Observing Phenomena

Students consider what they do with trash and whether they recycle.

Investigation

Students discuss how to reduce paper waste. They reuse newspapers to design a papier-mâché object.

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Phenomenon: *Trash is collected and put in piles.*

- Why is the girl sorting trash?
- Is the girl taking care of Earth?

Video Lesson

Extension: [Super Simple Science-](#) A new playground mat can be made

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	from old tires.			
	What new thing can you make from an old thing?			

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Dates: January- February

Time Frame: 7-8 weeks

Overview

Students are introduced to the unit's anchoring phenomenon of how they move in different ways on the playground. Performing investigations and simple tests, students explore the relationship between forces and motion and discover how things move through pushes and pulls, and what happens when objects bump. Students also explore how people design things that move. Can students use what they know to build a marble playground?

Essential Questions

- How do things move?

Enduring Understandings

- Pushing or pulling on an object can change

- What do pushes and pulls do?
- How do pushes and pulls move things?
- What happens when objects bump?
- How do people design things that move?

- the speed or direction of its motion and can start or stop it.
- When objects touch or collide, they push on one another and can change motion

Skill and Knowledge Objectives

SWBAT:

- Describe motion using words and gestures to describe a speed and a direction.
- Share ideas about what can cause a wagon to move, then investigate what happens when they push or pull a box wagon. They ask questions about the direction and speed of pushes and pulls and investigate answers by applying and comparing different kinds of pushes and pulls.
- Learn how a push or a pull affects the direction of an object's motion. Students practice using pushes and pulls to affect a ball's speed and direction. They sit in a circle and push or pull a ball. They note the effect on a ball when they push it away or pull it toward them.
- Read about how a bump (a push) can cause an object to change speed or direction.
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Standards including 9.4 Life Literacies and Key Skills 21st Century

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Crosscutting Concepts

Cause and Effect

- Simple tests can be designed to gather evidence to support or refute student ideas about causes.

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- The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s).

Systems and System Models

- Systems in the natural and designed world have parts that work together.

Disciplinary Core Ideas:

PS2.A: Forces and Motion

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- Pushing or pulling on an object can change the speed or direction of its motion and can start or stop it.

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Unit 2- Pushes and Pulls

Lesson 1: How Do Things Move?

Lesson 1 Guide

Materials:

- Crayons, assorted colors
- Scissors

Print

Lesson 2: What Do Pushes and Pulls Do?

Lesson 2 Guide

Materials:

- Box, cardboard (3.5" x 3.5" x 1.5")
- Glue **(SDS)**

Lesson 3: How Do Pushes and Pulls Move Things?

Lesson 3 Guide

Materials:

- Ball, kick
- Chip, counting
- Index card

Lesson 4: What Happens When Objects Bump?

Lesson 4 Guide

Materials:

- Cardboard, corrugated, 30 cm x 30 cm

Lesson 5: How Do People Design Things that Move?

Lesson 5 Guide

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Subject Area: Science

Grade Level: K

Unit 3: Weather

Dates: May - June

Time Frame: 6-8 weeks

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Students are introduced to the unit's anchoring phenomenon of weather not being the same everywhere. This unit is grouped into two main concepts. In the first half of the unit, students explore how to identify different types of weather and the factors that contribute to weather. In the second half of the unit, students take a look at severe weather and understand how to plan for it. Students discover how weather forecasts let us know what kind of weather is coming. Students also examine what the weather is like where they live. Using what they know about weather, how should students plan, prepare, and keep safe in the event of a storm?

Essential Questions

- What is the weather?
- When does the weather change?
- What keeps the earth warm?

Enduring Understandings

- Weather is the combination of sunlight, wind, snow or rain, and temperature.
- Weather patterns change over time.
- Sunlight warms Earth's surface.

- How can people stay cool in hot weather?
- What makes storms on Earth?
- How can people prepare for storms?

- Some kinds of severe weather are more likely than others in a given region.

Skill and Knowledge Objectives

SWBAT:

- Examine the concept that weather is not the same everywhere as they examine different places.
- Understand that weather is not the same everywhere and can change slowly or quickly.
- Understand the role the sun plays in weather.
- Examine how to deal with sunny, hot weather.
- Relate to their region's severe weather events.
- Find out about storm forecasts and understand how to prepare for severe weather.

Assessments

- [Unit 3 Lesson 1](#)
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Benchmark: TCI

Formative Assessments

Investigation

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Next Generation Science Standards Performance Expectations

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K-ESS3-2 Ask questions to obtain information about the purpose of weather forecasting to prepare for, and respond to, severe weather. **K-PS3-1** Make observations to determine the effect of sunlight on Earth's surface.

K-PS3-2 Use tools and materials to design and build a structure that will reduce the warming effect of sunlight on an area.

K-2-ETS1-3 Analyze data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths and weaknesses of how each performs.

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Science and Engineering Practices

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Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking

- Use counting and numbers to identify and describe patterns in the natural and designed world(s).

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Crosscutting Concepts

Patterns

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Stability and Change

- Some things stay the same while other things change.

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- Events have causes that generate observable patterns.

Structure and Function

- The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s).

Scale, Proportion, and Quantity

- Relative scales allow objects and events to be compared and described (e.g. bigger and smaller; hotter and colder; faster and slower).

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ESS3.B: Natural Hazards

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PS3.B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer

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ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution

- Because there is always more than one possible solution to a problem, it is useful to compare and test designs.

ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions

- Designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models. These representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem's solutions to other people.

Connections to the Nature of Science

Science Knowledge Is Based on Empirical Evidence

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Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science

Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology

- People encounter questions about the natural world every day.

Complete NGSS Correlations

ELA Standards

Reading

Key Ideas and Details

- CC.K.R.I.1 With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text.

Writing

Research to Build and Present Knowledge

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Text Types and Purposes

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Unit Name/Theme				
<p>Lesson 1: What's Weather?</p> <p>Lesson 1 Guide</p> <p>Materials: Print</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Extension Handout ● Handout: Cue Cards ● Reading Notes ● Answer Key ● Science 	<p>Lesson 2: When Does Weather Change?</p> <p>Lesson 2 Guide</p> <p>Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Glue (SDS) ● Scissors <p>Print</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Handout: Weather Symbols ● Reading Notes 	<p>Lesson 3: What Keeps Earth Warm?</p> <p>Lesson 3 Guide</p> <p>Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Apron, vinyl ● Cup, 9 oz ● Gloves, safety ● Gravel ● Sand, medium (SDS) ● Soil 	<p>Lesson 4: How Can People Stay Cool in Hot Weather?</p> <p>Lesson 4 Guide</p> <p>Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aluminum foil, roll ● Clay, modeling, 4 colors ● Cloth, cotton 	<p>Lesson 5: What Makes Storms on Earth?</p> <p>Lesson 5 Guide</p> <p>Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paper, construction, assorted colors ● Paper, white ● Stapler <p>Print</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Audio

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal Spanish Handout: Cue Cards • Spanish: Science Journal • Super Simple Science • Teacher's Guide <p>Activities: Observing Phenomena What are the different types of weather that you have seen outside?</p> <p>Investigation You will watch videos of the weather in different places. You and your group will prepare and deliver a weather report for one of the places.</p> <p>Making Sense of Phenomena You will show what you know by drawing a picture of the weather and using weather words to describe it.</p> <p>Video Lesson Extension: Super Simple Science Sun and rain makes a rainbow. The sky has many colors.</p> <p>What colors do you see in the sky?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answer Key Science Journal • Spanish Handout: Weather Symbols • Spanish: Science Journal • Teacher's Guide <p>Activities: Observing Phenomena Has the weather ever changed from being sunny to stormy quickly?</p> <p>Investigation You will keep track of the weather each day on a calendar. You will study the calendar and tell what it shows.</p> <p>Making Sense of Phenomena You will show how the weather changes.</p> <p>Video Lesson Extension: Super Simple Science Bears spend winter in a den. They keep warm.</p> <p>How can you make a den to keep warm?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water <p>Print</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Notes Answer Key • Science Journal • Spanish: Science Journal • Super Simple Science Teacher's Guide <p>Activities: Observing Phenomena Have you ever seen snow on a tree in the morning?</p> <p>Was there less of it in the afternoon?</p> <p>Investigation You will test sand, rock, soil, or water in the sun and in the shade to see if sunlight makes them warmer.</p> <p>Making Sense of Phenomena Then, you will write a story about what happens to a snowman when the sun shines on it.</p> <p>Video Lesson Extension: Super Simple Science Mars is cold. It is far away from the sun.</p> <p>How does something feel when it is far from the sun?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craft stick • Hole punch • Petri dish • Pipe cleaner • Plates, paper • Sand, medium (SDS) • Scissors • Stir Stick • String • Tape, transparent • Tube, cardboard <p>Print</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Notes Answer Key • Science Journal • Spanish: Science Journal • Super Simple Science Teacher's Guide <p>Activities: Observing Phenomena Have you ever seen someone using an umbrella on a sunny day?</p> <p>Why do you think someone would use an umbrella on a sunny day?</p> <p>Investigation You and a partner will design a structure to keep a sandbox cool. You will make a model of your structure, and you will test it to see if it keeps sand cool.</p> <p>Making Sense of Phenomena</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transcript Reading Notes Answer Key • Science Journal • Spanish: Science Journal • Super Simple Science Teacher's Guide <p>Activities: Observing Phenomena Have you ever been in a storm?</p> <p>Where was it?</p> <p>Investigation You will write a story about a storm you experienced. You will ask your family questions about the storm. You will share your story with classmates.</p> <p>Making Sense of Phenomena You will show what you know by putting the events in a storm story in order.</p> <p>Video Lesson Extension: Super Simple Science Hurricane Sandy was windy. Tornadoes are windy too. They can blow down trees.</p> <p>How does a tornado blow objects around?</p>
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<p>Lesson 6: How Can People Prepare for Storms?</p> <p>Lesson 6 Guide</p> <p>Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glue (SDS) • Scissors <p>Print</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handout: Store Supplies • Reading Notes Answer Key • Science Journal • Spanish Handout: Store Supplies • Spanish: Science Journal • Super Simple Science Teacher's Guide <p>Activities: Observing Phenomena Have you ever seen a video of a tornado?</p>				

Was the damage bad?

Investigation

You will prepare for a storm by creating a supply kit. You will watch a storm forecast. Then you will check your supply kit to see if you are ready for the storm.

Making Sense of Phenomena

You will cut and paste pictures to make your own storm kit.

Video Lesson

Extension: [Super Simple Science- Pets need to be safe in storms.](#)

How can you make a storm kit for a pet?

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ELA/ELD Support for IEPs, at-risk, MLL (ELL/ESL), Enriched G&T

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ELA 504 accommodations: extended time, fewer choices, select seating

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