

Grade 6 Science Standards of Learning Curriculum Guide

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<p>Scientific Investigation, Reasoning, and Logic</p> <p><i>Investigation Skills and the Nature of Science</i></p>	<p>6.1</p> <p>The student will plan and conduct investigations in which</p> <p>a) observations are made involving fine discrimination between similar objects and organisms;</p> <p>b) a classification system is developed based on multiple attributes;</p> <p>c) precise and approximate measures are recorded;</p> <p>d) scale models are used to estimate distance, volume, and quantity;</p> <p>e) hypotheses are stated in ways that identify the independent (manipulated) and dependent (responding) variables;</p>	<p><u>The student will be able to:</u></p> <p>Design an experiment in which one variable is manipulated over many trials.</p> <p>Collect, record, analyze, and report data using metric terminology.</p> <p>Organize and communicate data using graphs (bar, line, and pie), charts, and diagrams.</p> <p>Design models that explain a sequence. For example, students should be able to describe the sequence of events involved in the process of photosynthesis.</p> <p>Propose hypotheses or predictions from observed patterns.</p> <p>Demonstrate an understanding of the nature of science and how it is developed and applied.</p>	<p>Math 6.8 6.2 6.18 6.1 6.9 6.20 6.10</p> <p>English 6.8 6.2 6.7</p> <p>Social Studies USI.1c</p> <p>Science 6.1-6.9</p>	<p>1st 9 Weeks and 1st 6 Weeks (10 Day Introduction)</p> <p>2nd – 4th 9 Weeks</p> <p>2nd – 6th 6 Weeks (Integrate through out the year)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “By Golly By Gum” from AIMS to illustrate variables. Use terminology manipulated and responding variable. ▪ Point a flashlight at a screen. Discover if the difference from the light to the screen had any effect on the size of the illuminated area. ▪ Provide examples of situations where students will identify the manipulated and responding variables. Example: Monitoring the growth of plants that are watered with a variety of liquids. ▪ Do activities where changing the variable might directly affect a hypothesis ▪ Develop a classification system for items given. Students define characteristics for the system. ▪ Have students work in pairs. They sit back to back. One student describes the object, while the other must identify it. ▪ Students perform a series of lab activities in which they make measurements such as finding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student demonstrations ▪ Classroom observations ▪ Student laboratory reports ▪ Quizzes ▪ Tests ▪ Accurate completion of laboratory activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Teaching and Learning the Basic Science Skills</i> videotape teacher training series, site guide: http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Instruction/sol.html ▪ VDOE PC and Macintosh Image Processing software and training videotapes ▪ SOL assessment blueprints and sample items ▪ AIMS-Science Process Skills- www.aimedu.org ▪ Project Learning Tree @ www.plt.org ▪ Discovery Channel Web Site @ www.discoveryschool.com

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<p>Force, Motion, and Energy</p> <p><i>Investigating Energy and Energy Transformations</i></p>	<p>6.2</p> <p>The student will investigate and understand basic sources of energy, their origins, transformations, and uses. Key concepts include</p> <p>a) potential and kinetic energy;</p> <p>b) the role of the sun in the formation of most energy sources on Earth;</p> <p>c) nonrenewable energy sources (fossil fuels, including petroleum, natural gas, and coal);</p> <p>d) renewable energy sources (wood, wind, hydro, geothermal, tidal, and solar); and</p> <p>e) energy transformations (heat/light to mechanical, chemical, and electrical energy).</p>	<p>The student will be able to:</p> <p>Comprehend and apply basic terminology related to energy sources and transformations.</p> <p>Compare and contrast potential and kinetic energy through common examples found in the natural environment.</p> <p>Create and interpret a model or diagram of an energy transformation.</p> <p>Analyze and describe the transformations of energy involved with the formation and burning of coal and other fossil fuels.</p> <p>Compare and contrast renewable and nonrenewable energy sources.</p> <p>Design an investigation that demonstrates light energy being transformed into other forms of energy.</p> <p>Design an application of the use of solar and wind energy.</p>	<p>English 6.1 6.2 6.3 6.4 6.7 6.8</p> <p>Science 3.11 4.2 6.1 6.9</p>	<p>2nd 9 Weeks (10 Days)</p> <p>3rd 6 Weeks (10 Days)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Demonstrate potential and kinetic energy with a yo-yo. ▪ Gather a variety of materials such as a toaster, blow dryer, radio, matchers, batteries, balloon, wool, candle, lightning bugs, etc. in cooperative learning groups. Have students determine the energy transformation of each object. ▪ Provide energy games to reinforce concepts – Jeopardy, Top 5 Energy Sources, Energy Bingo. ▪ Simple experiments using rulers, blocks, and marbles/balls to show the connection between kinetic and potential energy. ▪ Have students collect pictures and small objects of examples of potential and kinetic energy. (Examples: rubber bands, pendulum swing) Conduct simple experiments using rulers, blocks, and marbles to show the connection between kinetic and potential energy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student demonstrations ▪ Classroom observations ▪ Student laboratory reports ▪ Quizzes ▪ Tests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Physical Science Activities resource site (UVA Physics Dept.) http://www.phys.virginia.edu/education/outreach/8thgradeso/home.htm ▪ Physical Science Solutions module http://www.smv.org/pubs/index.html ▪ Teaching Physics with Toys, Terrific Science Press ▪ Bill Nye – 102 Electricity Current-Matter and Energy www.discovery.com/rollercoaster ▪ www.sciencepot.net ▪ Video: - “Discovery Channel School: Roller Coaster Physics”

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<p>Force, Motion, and Energy (con't)</p> <p><i>Investigating Energy and Energy Transformations</i></p>	<p>6.2 (con't)</p>	<p>Chart and analyze the energy a person uses during a 24-hour period and determine the sources.</p> <p>Compare and contrast energy sources in terms of their origins, how they are utilized, and their availability.</p> <p>Analyze the advantages and disadvantages of using various energy sources.</p> <p>Analyze and describe how the United States energy use has changed over time.</p> <p>Predict the potential impact of unanticipated energy shortages.</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use a yo-yo to demonstrate these two forms of energy and follow the scientific method as a class to determine the variables. ▪ Have student's hypothesize results they will get with different variables. ▪ Teaching Physics with Toys, Terrific Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Press Push-N-Go – pages 123-132 - The Toy That Returns – pages 133-139 - Physics with Toys at Darda Coaster – pages 141-151 - Exploring Energy with an Explorer Gun – pages 153-160 - Bounceability – pages 161-168 - Energy Toys Learning Center – pages 169-175 - Gear Up with a Lego Heli-Tractor – pages 181-185 ▪ Lesson 7 – Motion pages 65-82 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bill Nye Videos: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hands-On: General Science Activities ▪ Project WET Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energetic Water - Thirsty Plants - Incredible Journey - Water Models - Geyser Guts - Piece It Together <p>*Disclaimer: The teacher should review all sites prior to exposing them to the students.</p>

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<p>Force, Motion, and Energy (con't)</p> <p><i>Investigating Solar Energy</i></p>	<p>6.3</p> <p>The student will investigate and understand the role of solar energy in driving most natural processes within the atmosphere, the hydrosphere, and on the Earth's surface. Key concepts include</p> <p>a) the Earth's energy budget;</p> <p>b) the role of radiation and convection in the distribution of energy;</p> <p>c) the motion of the atmosphere and the oceans;</p> <p>d) cloud formation; and</p> <p>e) the role of heat energy in weather-related phenomena including thunderstorms and hurricanes.</p>	<p><u>The student will be able to:</u></p> <p>Comprehend and apply basic terminology related to solar energy including wave length, ultraviolet, visible, infrared radiation, reflection and absorption</p> <p>Analyze and interpret a chart or diagram showing the Earth's energy budget.</p> <p>Analyze, model, and explain the Greenhouse Effect in terms of the energy entering and leaving the atmosphere.</p> <p>Design an investigation to determine the effect of sunlight on the heating of a surface.</p> <p>Analyze the role of heating and cooling in the formation of clouds.</p> <p>Order the sequence of events that takes place in the formation of a cloud.</p> <p>Analyze and explain how convection currents occur, and how they distribute heat energy in the atmosphere and oceans.</p>	<p>English 6.4 6.7 6.8</p> <p>Science 3.9 4.6</p>	<p>2nd 9 Weeks (13 Days)</p> <p>2nd 6 Weeks (13 Days)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Looking at Earth from Space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to Mid-Latitude Weather Systems – pages 9-16 - Wave Motion and the General Circulation – pages 17-23 - Clouds – pages 44-54 - Additional Common Weather Patterns – pages 55-60 ▪ Box of Sunshine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student demonstrations ▪ Classroom observations ▪ Student laboratory reports ▪ Quizzes ▪ Tests ▪ Projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Looking at Earth from Space http://kids.earth.nasa.gov/guide/earth_and_space.pdf ▪ The Growing Classroom ▪ Project WET Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energetic Water - Thirsty Plants - Incredible Journey - Water Models - Geysers Guts - Piece It Together <p>*Disclaimer: The teacher should review all sites prior to exposing them to the students.</p>

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Matter <i>Investigating Atoms</i>	6.4 The student will investigate and understand that all matter is made up of atoms. Key concepts include a) atoms are made up of electrons, protons, and neutrons; b) atoms of any element are alike but are different from atoms of other elements; c) elements may be represented by chemical symbols; d) two or more atoms may be chemically combined; e) compounds may be represented by chemical formulas; f) chemical equations can be used to model chemical changes; and	<p><u>The student will be able to:</u></p> <p>Create and interpret a simplified model of the structure of an atom</p> <p>Compare and contrast the atomic structure of two different elements</p> <p>Differentiate between an atom and an element</p> <p>Explain that atoms are represented by symbols</p> <p>Identify the name and number of each element present in a simple molecule or compound such as O₂, H₂O, CO₂, or CaCO₃.</p> <p><i>DPS Goal 6.4a:</i> Classify the three subatomic particles: proton, neutron, and electron</p> <p><i>DPS Goal 6.4b:</i> Identify properties and give examples of mixtures and solutions and physical and chemical changes.</p>	Science 3.3 6.1	2 nd 9 Weeks (18 Days) 3 rd 6 Weeks (18 Days)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Using materials such as cardboard, construction paper, colored pencils, string, and cotton to construct models of atoms. Label and color code. ▪ Construct models of atoms using colored marshmallows. Students label the nucleus, electrons, and neutrons or make a key to differentiate between colors of marshmallows. ▪ Construct models of molecules/compounds using toothpicks, gumdrops, clay, or other materials. ▪ Using a periodic table, prepare a list of elements with their # of protons. Have students write the atomic # for each element. ▪ Assign each student an element and have him design a poster of that element. Then put everyone's together to build a large periodic table. ▪ Divide the class in half and then in half again. Give ½ of each team a set of cards marked with atomic number 1-18. Give the other ½ set with chemical symbols for the 1st 18 elements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student demonstrations ▪ Classroom observations ▪ Student laboratory reports ▪ Quizzes ▪ Tests ▪ Models ▪ Projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Physical Science Activities resource site (UVA Physics Dept.) http://www.phys.virginia.edu/education/outreach/8thgradeso/home.htm ▪ Physical Science Solutions module http://www.smv.org/pubs/index.html ▪ <i>The World of the Atom</i> – United Learning Videos on Matter ▪ <i>Teaching Science in the Elementary School</i> by Donna Wolfinger ▪ www.sciencespot.net <p>*Disclaimer: The teacher should review all sites prior to exposing them to the students.</p>

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<p>Matter (con't)</p> <p><i>Investigating Water</i></p>	<p>6.5</p> <p>The student will investigate and understand the unique properties and characteristics of water and its roles in the natural and human-made environment. Key concepts include</p> <p>a) water as the universal solvent;</p> <p>b) the properties of water in all three states;</p> <p>c) the action of water in physical and chemical weathering;</p> <p>d) the ability of large bodies of water to store heat and moderate climate;</p> <p>e) the origin and occurrence of water on Earth;</p> <p>f) the importance of water for agriculture, power generation, and public health; and</p>	<p>The student will be able to:</p> <p>Comprehend and apply key terminology related to water and its properties and uses.</p> <p>Model and explain the shape and composition of a water molecule.</p> <p>Design an investigation to determine the relative density of liquid and solid water at various temperatures.</p> <p>Compare the relative density of liquid and solid water at various temperatures.</p> <p>Comprehend the adhesive and cohesive properties of water.</p> <p>Design an investigation to determine the effects of heat on the states of water.</p> <p>Model and explain why ice is less dense than liquid water.</p> <p>Relate the three states of water to the water cycle.</p> <p>Design an investigation to demonstrate the ability of water to dissolve materials.</p>	<p>English 6.3 6.7 6.8</p> <p>Science K.5 1.3 2.3</p>	<p>4th 9 Weeks (20 Days)</p> <p>5th 6 weeks (14 days)</p> <p>6th 6 weeks (6 days)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project WET <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H2O Olympics – page 30 - The Incredible Journey – page 161 - Is There Water on Zork? – Page 43 - Hanging Together – page 35 - Adventures in Density – pages 25 - A Drop in the Bucket – page 238 - Geyser Guts – page 144 - Water Works – page 274 - Poison Pump – page 93 - Super Sleuths – page 107 - A-maz-ing Water – page 219 ▪ Aquatic WILD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How Wet Is Our Planet? – page 7 - The Growing Classroom - Round About – page 185 - Water, Water Everywhere - Splash - The Water Planet – pages 39-41 - Sum of All Parts – pages 77-80 (Virginia Naturally) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student demonstrations ▪ Classroom observations ▪ Student laboratory reports ▪ Quizzes ▪ Tests ▪ Models ▪ Projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project WET ▪ Aquatic WILD ▪ www.usgs.gov/education ▪ Water Quality - Potential Sources of Pollution ▪ The Growing Classroom by Robert Jaffe and Gary Appel, Addison-Wesley Publishing Co. ▪ <u>Hands-On General Science Activities</u> – Walker & Wood ▪ Virginia Naturally ▪ Environmental Science Activities Kit – Michael L. Roa ▪ WOW: The Wonders of the Wetlands ▪ Chesapeake Bay: Introduction to an Ecosystem

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<p>Matter (con't)</p> <p><i>Investigating Water</i></p>	<p>6.5 (con't)</p> <p>g) the importance of protecting and maintaining water resources.</p>	<p>Design an investigation to determine the presence of water in plant material (e.g., a fruit).</p> <p>Infer how the unique properties of water are key to the life processes of organisms.</p> <p>Design an investigation to model the action of freezing water on rock material.</p> <p>Design an investigation to model the action of acidified water on building materials such as concrete, limestone, or marble.</p> <p>Chart, record, and describe evidence of chemical weathering in the local environment.</p> <p>Explain the role of water in power generation.</p> <p>Analyze and explain the difference in average winter temperatures among areas in central and western Virginia and cities and counties along the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic coast.</p> <p>Describe the importance of careful management of water resources.</p>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project WET Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adventures in Density - H2O Olympics - Is There Water On Zork? - Thirsty Plants - What's the Solution? - Hanging Together - The Incredible Journey <p>*Disclaimer: The teacher should review all sites prior to exposing them to the students.</p>

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<p>Matter (con't)</p> <p><i>Investigating Air and the Atmosphere</i></p>	<p>6.6</p> <p>The student will investigate and understand the properties of air and the structure and dynamics of the Earth's atmosphere. Key concepts include</p> <p>a) air as a mixture of gaseous elements and compounds;</p> <p>b) air pressure, temperature, and humidity;</p> <p>c) how the atmosphere changes with altitude;</p> <p>d) natural and human-caused changes to the atmosphere;</p> <p>e) the relationship of atmospheric measures and weather conditions;</p> <p>f) basic information from weather maps including fronts, systems, and basic measurements; and</p>	<p><u>The student will be able to:</u></p> <p>Comprehend and apply basic terminology related to air and the atmosphere.</p> <p>Identify the composition and physical characteristics of the atmosphere.</p> <p>Analyze and interpret charts and graphs of the atmosphere in terms of temperature and pressure.</p> <p>Measure and record air temperature, air pressure, and humidity in using appropriate units of measurement and tools.</p> <p>Analyze and explain some of the effects that natural events and human activities may have on weather, atmosphere, and climate.</p> <p>Map the movement of cold and warm fronts, and interpret their effects on observable weather conditions.</p>	<p>English 6.3 6.7 6.8</p> <p>Social Studies USI.1f USI.2b</p> <p>Science 4.6</p>	<p>3rd 9 Weeks (20 Days)</p> <p>4th 6 weeks (7 days)</p> <p>5th 6 weeks (13 days)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Journey to the Planet Earth – Air Unit ▪ Piece it Together – Project WET ▪ Looking at Earth from Space (NASA) ▪ Indoor Air Pollution Solutions – pages 21-26 (Virginia Naturally) ▪ Environmental Science Activities – Activity 15, pages 139-143 ▪ Global Warming – Activity 13, pages 121-129 ▪ Detecting Air Pollution – Activity 14, pages 130-138 ▪ Acidic Precipitator ▪ Project WET: Wet Vacation – pages 206-207 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student demonstrations ▪ Classroom observations ▪ Student laboratory reports ▪ Quizzes ▪ Tests ▪ Projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Looking at Earth from Space – http://kids.earth.nasa.gov/guide/earth_and_space.pdf ▪ The Journey To The Planet Earth ▪ Environmental Science Activities – Michael Roa ▪ Project WET ▪ NASA ▪ Virginia Naturally ▪ http://spacelink.nasa.gov - Instructional materials: NASA Educational Products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exploring Earth From Space Lithograph Set - Cloud Patterns ▪ www.sciencespot.net

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<p>Matter (con't)</p> <p><i>Investigating Air and the Atmosphere</i></p>	<p>6.6 (con't)</p> <p>g) the importance of protecting and maintaining air quality.</p>	<p>Design an investigation to relate temperature, barometric pressure, and humidity to changing weather conditions.</p> <p>Interpret basic weather maps, and make forecasts based on the information presented.</p> <p>Compare and contrast cloud types, and relate cloud types to weather conditions.</p> <p>Compare and contrast types of precipitation.</p> <p>Compare and contrast weather-related phenomena including thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, and drought.</p> <p>Evaluate their own roles in protecting air quality.</p>					<p>*Disclaimer: The teacher should review all sites prior to exposing them to the students.</p>

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<p>Living Systems</p> <p><i>Investigating Watersheds and Wetlands</i></p>	<p>6.7</p> <p>The student will investigate and understand the natural processes and human interactions that affect watershed systems. Key concepts include</p> <p>a) the health of ecosystems and the abiotic factors of a watershed;</p> <p>b) the location and structure of Virginia’s regional watershed systems;</p> <p>c) divides, tributaries, river systems, and river and stream processes;</p> <p>d) wetlands;</p> <p>e) estuaries;</p> <p>f) major conservation, health, and safety issues associated with watersheds; and</p>	<p><u>The student will be able to:</u></p> <p>Comprehend and apply basic terminology related to watersheds.</p> <p>Use topographic maps to determine the location and size of Virginia’s regional watershed systems.</p> <p>Locate their own local watershed and the rivers and streams associated with it.</p> <p>Design an investigation to model the effects of stream flow on various slopes.</p> <p>Analyze and explain the functioning of wetlands and appraise the value of wetlands to humans.</p> <p>Describe an example of a wetland.</p> <p>Explain what an estuary is and why it is important to people.</p> <p>Propose ways to maintain water quality within a watershed.</p>	<p>English 6.3 6.7 6.8</p> <p>Science 3.6 3.10 4.8</p>	<p>4th 9 Weeks (20 Days)</p> <p>6th 6 Weeks (20 Days)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Journey to the Planet Earth – Water Unit ▪ Project WILD – Science and Civics ▪ Color Me A Watershed – page 30 ▪ Where Does Water Run? – pages 148-157 ▪ Project WET: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rainy Day Hike – page 186 - Back to the Future – page 293 - A Grave Mistake – page 311 - People of the Bog – page 89 - Branching Out – page 129 - Life in the Fast Lane – page 79 - Salt Marsh Players – page 99 - The Pucker Effect – page 338 - Capture, Store & Release – page 133 - Wetland Soils in Living Colors – page 212 - Get the Ground Water Picture – page 136 ▪ Virginia Naturally <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What’s Your Watershed Address? – pages 95-102 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student demonstrations ▪ Classroom observations ▪ Student laboratory reports ▪ Quizzes ▪ Tests ▪ Projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Journey to the Planet Earth ▪ Project WET ▪ Project WILD ▪ Science and Civics: Sustaining Wild Life ▪ Virginia Naturally ▪ Watersheds: Where We Live Poster 16618 ▪ www.water.usgs.gov/wsci - Science in Your Watershed ▪ Project WET Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MacroInvertebrate Mayhem - Color Me A Watershed - Just Passing Through - The Price Is Right - A-Mazing-Water - Nature Rules! - Where Are the Frogs?

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Interrelationships in Earth/Space Systems <i>Investigating the Solar System</i>	6.8 The student will investigate and understand the organization of the solar system and the relationships among the various bodies that comprise it. Key concepts include a) the, sun, moon, Earth, other planets and their moons, meteors, asteroids, and comets; b) relative size of and distance between planets; c) the role of gravity; d) revolution and rotation; e) the mechanics of day and night and phases of the moon; f) the unique properties of Earth as a planet; g) the relationship of the Earth's tilt and seasons;	<p><u>The student will be able to:</u></p> <p>Design and interpret a scale model of the solar system (A scale model may be a physical representation of an object or concept. It can also be a mathematical representation that uses factors such as ratios, proportions, and percentages).</p> <p>Explain the role of gravity in the solar system.</p> <p>Compare and contrast revolution and rotation and apply these terms to the relative movements of planets (and moons).</p> <p>Model and describe how day and night and the phases of the moon occur</p> <p>Describe the nine planets, their moons, meteors, asteroids, and comets; and their relative positions from the sun.</p> <p>Describe the unique characteristics of planet Earth, including its surface, atmosphere, presence of water, and magnetic field.</p>	English 6.3 6.7 6.8 Social Studies USI.1g Science 3.8 4.7 6.1	1 st 9 Weeks (30 Days) 1 st 6 weeks (17 days) 2 nd 6 weeks (13 days)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Learning Tree: “Our Changing World” – page 86 ▪ Lesson 10: Planets ▪ 10-1A: Spaced-Out Family – pages 117-120 ▪ 10-2: Bringing The Solar System Down To Earth – pages 121-125 ▪ 10-3: Astonishing Planetary Discovery – pages 126-132 ▪ Lesson 11: Stars ▪ 11-1: Starlight Starbright – pages 133-137 ▪ 11-2: Star Chamber – pages 138-144 ▪ Lesson 12: The Moon ▪ 12-1: The Moon (Man in the Moon) – pages 145-150 ▪ 12-2: Moon Madness ▪ Lesson 13: Space Travel ▪ 13-1: The Space Shuttle – pages 155-162 ▪ Research and present an oral report on one of the celestial bodies ▪ Interpret data on high and low tides and formulate ideas as to how the tides change ▪ Make observations about the phases of the moon. Keep a chart for a period of one month. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student demonstrations ▪ Classroom observations ▪ Student laboratory reports ▪ Quizzes ▪ Tests ▪ Projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Learning Tree ▪ Hands-On General Science Activities w/Real-Life Applications – Walker & Wood ▪ http://spacelink.nasa.gov - Instructional Materials: NASA Educational Products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our Mission to Planet Earth - Suited for Spacewalking - Earth & Mars – As Different As They Are Alike (Educational Wallsheets) - Mars Pathfinder Poster (information on back of poster) - Exploring Earth from Space, Lithograph Set

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Resources <i>Investigating the Management of Natural Resources</i>	6.9 The student will investigate and understand public policy decisions relating to the environment. Key concepts include a) management of renewable resources (water, air, soil, plant life, animal life); b) management of nonrenewable resources (coal, oil, natural gas, nuclear power, mineral resources); c) the mitigation of land-use and environmental hazards through preventive measures; and d) cost/benefit tradeoffs in conservation policies.	<p><u>The student will be able to:</u></p> <p>Differentiate between renewable and nonrenewable resources.</p> <p>Describe the role of local and state conservation professionals in managing natural resources. These include wildlife protection; forestry and waste management; and air, water, and soil conservation.</p> <p>Analyze resource – Use options in everyday activities and determine how personal choices have costs and benefits related to the generation of waste.</p> <p>Analyze how renewable and nonrenewable resources are used and managed within the home, school, and community.</p> <p>Analyze reports, media articles, and other narrative materials related to waste management and resource use to determine various perspectives concerning the costs/benefits in real-life situations.</p>	English 6.7 6.8 Science 3.10 3.11 4.8 6.1	3 rd 9 Weeks (20 Days) 4 th 6 Weeks (20 Days)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Learning Tree: ▪ “A Look at Aluminum” pg. 52 ▪ “Resources-Go-Round” pg. 82 ▪ Start a scrapbook of current event items concerning environmental problems. ▪ Write an illustrated children’s story for 10 year olds about life in 2100. The story should describe life in an age without fossil fuels; identify the sources of energy used in everyday life. ▪ Make a poster illustrating common fuels, where they can be found in the U.S. and their availability. ▪ Design a simple experiment to show how various common materials decompose in the environment. ▪ Measure the amount of solid waste generated by a household over a period of time and graph the results. ▪ Develop a diagram showing the amount of waste per household and what percentage can be recycled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student demonstrations ▪ Classroom observations ▪ Student laboratory reports ▪ Quizzes ▪ Tests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Project WILD, K-12</i> ▪ <i>Project Aquatic WILD</i> ▪ <i>Project Learning Tree, K-8</i> ▪ <i>PLT – Municipal Solid Waste</i> module ▪ <i>PLT – Forest Ecology</i> module ▪ <i>WILD School Sites</i> ▪ <i>Project WET</i> ▪ <i>VA Natural Resources Education Guide</i> http://www.vanaturally.com/eduguide.htm ▪ <i>Environmental Science Activities Kit</i> by Michael L. Roa ▪ <i>Journey to the Planet Earth – Soil Unit</i> ▪ <i>The Growing Classroom</i> ▪ <i>WWF Windows on the Wild</i>

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<p>Resources (con't)</p> <p><i>Investigating the Management of Natural Resources</i></p>	<p>6.9 (con't)</p>	<p>Evaluate the impact of resource-use, waste management, and pollution prevention in the school and home environment.</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Compare/Contrast how different cultures over time have used and managed resources. ▪ Analyze various graphs and charts concerning resource and waste management to describe trends, make predictions, and critique decisions. ▪ The Growing Classroom – Space Travelers ▪ Project WET: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Common Water – page 232 - Every Drop Counts – page 307 - Money Down The Drain – page 328 - Dilemma Derby – page 377 ▪ Windows on the Wild ▪ Thinking About Tomorrow 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project WET Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Long Haul - Sparkling Water - Sum of the Parts - The Price Is Right - Back to the Future - AfterMath - Dust Bowls and Failed Levees - The Pucker Effect - Reaching Your Limits - A Grave Mistake <p>*Disclaimer: The teacher should review all sites prior to exposing them to the students.</p>