

#### Course Title: Second Grade Science

<u>Description:</u> In second grade, learners grow in their ability to understand about larger systems and the parts that make them up. Investigations of how parts relate to the whole provide a key basis for understanding systems in later grades. Students will record observations and data, use a variety of informational texts to gather information, and engage in scientific thinking as they begin to understand larger systems and the parts of those systems.

#### Physical Sciences

Reporting Topic	Grade Level Standards	Standard Summary
States of Matter	<ul> <li>Construct an argument with evidence that some changes caused by heating or cooling can be reversed and some cannot (for example, make and defend the claim that some changes caused by heating or cooling can be reversed and some cannot—such as by melting and freezing water or butter to show reversible changes and cooking an egg, freezing a plant leaf, or burning paper to show irreversible changes). (2-PS1-4)</li> </ul>	Students will:  • Use examples to explain that some heating/cooling changes can't be reversed
Properties of Matter	<ul> <li>Plan and conduct an investigation to describe and classify different kinds of materials by their observable properties (for example, observe and describe the color, texture, hardness, and flexibility of different kinds of materials, and sort the materials into groups based on patterns in their shared properties). (2-PS1-1)</li> <li>Analyze data obtained from testing different materials to determine which materials have the properties that are best suited for an intended purpose (for example, test the strength, flexibility, hardness, texture, and absorbency of various materials, and use this qualitative information to decide which materials would work best for a given purpose). (2-PS1-2)</li> </ul>	Students will:  Describe characteristics and sort items by properties  Explain why a particular material worked well for its intended purpose
Structure of Matter	Make observations to construct an evidence-based account of how an object made of a small set of pieces can be disassembled and made into a new object (for example, observe as the same set of blocks or building bricks is taken apart and put back together—by the student or	Students will:  • Create a new object from small sets of pieces



	the teacher—to form various structures, and use these observations to defend the claim that an object made of a small set of pieces can be disassembled and made into a new object). (2-PS1-3)			
Life Sciences				
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Matter and Energy in Organisms	<ul> <li>Plan and conduct an investigation to determine if plants need sunlight and water to grow (for example, plan and carry out an investigation—testing one variable at a time—to figure out if plants need sunlight and water to grow). (2-LS2-1)</li> </ul>	Students will:  • Communicate and draw conclusions based on investigation results of plants and water/sun relationship		
Ecosystem Diversity	<ul> <li>Make observations of plants and animals to compare the diversity of life in different habitats (for example, observe various plants and animals—firsthand or from media—and use these observations to make comparisons between the different kinds of living things in different habitats on land and in water). (2-LS4-1)</li> </ul>	Students will:  • Explain that different habitats have a variety of living things adapted to it.		
Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems	Develop a simple model that mimics the function of an animal in dispersing seeds or pollinating plants (for example, create a sketch, drawing, or physical model that demonstrates how animals move seeds around or pollinate plants). (2-LS2-2)	Students will:  Make a model to show how animals spread seeds or pollinates plants		
Earth and Space Science				
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Plate Tectonics	<ul> <li>Develop a model to represent the shapes and kinds of land and bodies of water in an area (for example, create a diagram, drawing, physical replica, diorama, dramatization, or storyboard that represents the shapes and kinds of land and bodies of water in an area). (2-ESS2-2)</li> </ul>	Students will:  • Develop a model to represent the kinds of		



		lands and bodies of water in an area		
Weathering and Erosion	<ul> <li>Compare multiple solutions designed to slow or prevent wind or water from changing the shape of the land (for example, compare different designs of dikes and windbreaks to hold back water and wind or different designs that use shrubs, grass, and trees to prevent erosion). (2-ESS2-1)</li> </ul>	Students will:  • Compare different solutions designed to prevent water/wind from changing the shape of the land.		
Water and Earth's Surface	<ul> <li>Obtain information to identify where water is found on Earth and that it can be solid or liquid (for example, obtain information using various texts; text features, such as headings, tables of contents, glossaries, electronic menus, and icons; and other media to identify that water on Earth is found in oceans, rivers, lakes, and ponds and that it can exist as solid ice or in liquid form). (2-ESS2-3)</li> </ul>	Students will:  • Use evidence to support where on Earth water can be found as a liquid or a solid		
<u>Changing Earth</u>	<ul> <li>Use information from several sources to provide evidence that Earth events can occur quickly or slowly (for example, use observations from media to make and defend the claim that Earth's events can occur quickly or slowly; for instance, volcanic explosions and earthquakes occur quickly compared to the erosion of rocks, which occurs slowly). (2-ESS1-1)</li> </ul>	Students will:  • Explain that some Earth events move quickly and some move slowly		
Engineering				
Reporting Topics	Grade Level Standards	Standard Summary		
<u>Defining Problems</u>	<ul> <li>Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change to define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool (for example, approach a situation that people want to change or create a problem to be solved through engineering, and ask questions, make observations, and gather information to clarify the problem, understanding that a problem must be clearly understood before a solution can be designed). (2-ETS1-1)</li> </ul>	Students will:  • Ask questions and make accurate observations about a problem		



<u>Designing Solutions</u>	<ul> <li>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 (for example, convey a design solution through a sketch, drawing, or physical model in order to communicate problem-solving ideas to other people). (2-ETS1-2)</li> </ul>	Students will:  • Explain how the shape of an object helps it solve a problem.
Evaluating and Testing Solutions	<ul> <li>Analyze data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths and weaknesses of how each performs (for example, test two different solutions to the same problem and compare their performances). (2-ETS1-3)</li> </ul>	Students will:  • Compare the strengths and weaknesses of two objects in solving a problem