Science: Grade Three

Standard #1 Scientific Investigation

Students applied the process of scientific investigation and design, conducted, communicated about, and evaluated investigation.

Standard # 2 Physical Science

Students understood common properties, forms and changes in matter and energy.

Standard #3 Life Science

Students understood the characteristics and structure of living things, the processes of life, and how living things interact with each other and their environment.

Standard # 4 Earth and Space Science

Students understood the processes and interactions of Earth's systems and the structure and dynamics of Earth and other space objects.

Standard # 5 Scientific Method

Students understood that the nature of science involves a particular way of building knowledge and making meaning of the natural world.

Description

Third grade science focuses study on water, its forms and stages and the water cycle; matter and its various properties an forms, results of the Earth's rotation on its axis around the sun; and delves deeper into the scientific method and scientific investigations.

Time Allocation

Fifty minutes 3 to 4 times a week for the months of October, November, December, and January

Texts/References

Accent on Science

The Magic School Bus at the Waterworks

Understanding Water Activity Book Foss Science Stories in Water and Matter

The Water Dance for poetry integration

The Way Things Work

Themes /Topics

Matter and Scientific Investigation Water Cycle Simple Machines

Grades and Achievement Levels

Grades are based on class participation, completion of assignments, and projects. The rating is based upon the student's attainment of the grade level expectations.

Assessments

Matter

- 3 Big Tens Scientific Write ups
 - Fizzy Tabs
 - o Baking Soda / Vinegar / Balloon
 - Diet Coke and mentos
- States of matter collage
- · Properties worksheets-solids and liquids
- Final Test

Water

- 2 Big Tens Scientific Write ups
 - Liquid density
 - o Drops of water on a penny
- Water Test
- Water Dance Poem
- · Simple Machines
- 2-3 Big Tens
- Simple Machine Portfolio

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