

Mystery Science Alignment with Pennsylvania Academic Standards for Science and Technology.

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Biological Sciences	*Organisms & Cells*	**3.1.K.A1** Identify the similarities and differences of living and non-living things.			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
		3.1.K.A3 Observe, compare, and describe stages of life cycles for plants and/or animals.			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
		3.1.K.A5 Observe and describe structures and behaviors of a variety of common animals.	Plant & Animal Superpowers Mini-lessons	Grade 1	**Lesson 1:** How could you help a lost baby animal find its parents? **Lesson 2:** Why do birds have beaks? **Lesson 3, Read Along:** Why do baby ducks follow their mother? **Lesson 4:** Why are polar bears white? **Lesson 5, Read Along:** Why do family members look alike? **Mini-lesson:** What's that red thing on a turkey?** **Mini-lesson:** Why do owls say "hoo"?**
	Genetics	**3.1.K.B1** Observe and describe how young animals resemble their parents and other animals of the same kind.			
	Evolution	**3.1.K.C2** Describe changes animals and plants undergo throughout the seasons.	Mini-lessons		**Mini-lesson:** Why do leaves change color in the fall?** **Mini-lesson:** How do flowers bloom in the spring?** **Mini-lesson:** Why do animals come back after going to warm places in winter? **Mini-lesson:** Where do bugs go in winter?
		3.1.K.C3 Unifying Themes (Constancy & Change): Describe changes that occur as a result of climate.			

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Earth & Space Sciences	*Earth Structure, Processes, & Cycles*	**3.3.K.A1** Distinguish between three types of earth materials -- rock, soil, and sand.			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
		3.3.K.A4 Identify sources of water for human consumption and use.			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
		3.3.K.A5 Record daily weather conditions using simple graphs, charts, and graphs. Identify seasonal changes in the environment. Distinguish between types of precipitation.	Wild Weather	Grade K	**Lesson 1, Read-Along:** How can you get ready for a big storm? **Lesson 2:** Have you ever watched a storm? **Lesson 3:** How many different kinds of weather are there?
			Circle of Seasons	Grade K	**Lesson 1, Read-Along:** How do you know what to wear for the weather? **Lesson 2:** What would the weather be like on your birthday? **Lesson 3:** Why do birds lay eggs in the spring?



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Physical Sciences	*Chemistry*	**3.2.K.A1** Identify and classify objects by observable properties of matter. Compare different kinds of materials and discuss their uses.			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
		3.2.K.A3 Describe the way matter can change.			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
		3.2.K.A5 Unifying Themes (Constancy & Change): Recognize that everything is made of matter.			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
	Physics	**3.2.K.B3** Describe how temperature can affect the body.	Sunny Skies	Grade K	**Lesson 1, Read-Along:** How could you walk barefoot across hot pavement without burning your feet? **Lesson 2:** How could you warm up a frozen playground? **Lesson 3:** Why does it get cold in winter?
		3.2.K.B6 Unifying Themes (Energy): Recognize that light from the sun is an important source of energy for living and non-living systems and some source of energy is needed for all organisms to stay alive and grow.			



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Biological Sciences	*Evolution*	**3.1.1.C3 Unifying Themes (Constancy & Change):** Describe changes that occur as a result of habitat.	Plant & Animal Secrets	Grade K	**Lesson 4, Read Along:** How do animals make their homes in the forest? **Lesson 6, Read Along:** Why would you want an old log in your backyard?
	Organisms & Cells	**3.1.1.A1** Categorize living and non-living things by external characteristics.			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
		3.1.1.A2 Investigate the dependence of living things on the sun's energy, water, food/nutrients, air, living space, and shelter.	Plant & Animal Secrets	Grade K	**Lesson 1:** Why do woodpeckers peck wood? **Lesson 2, Read Along:** Where do animals live? **Lesson 3:** How can you find animals in the woods?
		3.1.1.A5 Identify and describe plant parts and their function.	Plant & Animal Superpowers	Grade 1	**Lesson 6:** Why don't trees blow down in the wind? **Lesson 7, Read Along:** What do sunflowers do when you're not looking?
	Genetics	**3.1.1.B1** Grow plants from seed and describe how they grow and change. Compare to adult plants.	Plant & Animal Secrets	Grade K	**Lesson 5:** How do plants and trees grow?



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Earth & Space Sciences	*Earth Structure, Processes, & Cycles*	**3.3.1.A1** Observe, describe, and sort earth materials. Compare the composition of different soils.	Material Magic	Grade 2	**Lesson 6:** How do you build a city out of mud?
		3.3.1.A4 Identify and describe types of fresh and salt-water bodies (ocean, rivers, lakes, ponds).			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
		3.3.1.A5 Become familiar with weather instruments. Collect, describe, and record basic information about weather over time.			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
	Origin and Evolution of the Universe	**3.3.1.B1** Explain why shadows fall in different places at different times of the day.	Spinning Sky	Grade 1	**Lesson 1:** Could a statue's shadow move? **Lesson 2, Read Along:** What does your shadow do when you're not looking?



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Physical Sciences	*Chemistry*	**3.2.1.A1** Observe and describe the properties of liquids and solids. Investigate what happens when solids are mixed with water and other liquids are mixed with water.	Mini-lessons		**Mini-lessons:** How is plastic made? **Mini-lessons:** How is glass made?
		3.2.1.A3 Identify how heating, melting, cooling, etc., may cause changes in properties of materials.			
		3.2.1.A4 Observe and describe what happens when substances are heated or cooled. Distinguish between changes that are reversible (melting, freezing) and not reversible (e.g. baking a cake, burning fuel).			
		3.2.1.A5 Unifying Themes (Constancy & Change): Recognize that everything is made of matter.			



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Physical Sciences	*Physics*	**3.2.1.B1** Demonstrate various types of motion. Observe and describe how pushes and pulls change the motion of objects.	Force Olympics Lights & Sounds Mini-lessons	Grade K	**Lesson 1:** What's the biggest excavator? **Lesson 2, Read Along:** Why do builders need so many big machines? **Lesson 3:** How can you knock down a wall made of concrete? **Lesson 4, Read Along:** How can you knock down the most bowling pins? **Lesson 5:** How can be protect a mountain town from falling rocks? **Lesson 6, Read Along:** How could you invent a trap? **Lesson 1:** How do they make silly sounds in cartoons? **Lesson 2, Read Along:** Where do sounds come from? **Mini-lesson:** Why can't airplanes fly to space**?
		3.2.1.B3 Observe and record daily temperatures. Draw conclusions from daily temperature records as related to heating and cooling.			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
		3.2.1.B5 Compare and contrast how light travels through different materials. Explore how mirrors and prisms can be used to redirect a light beam.	Lights & Sounds	Grade 1`	**Lesson 3:** What if there were no windows? **Lesson 4, Read Along:** Can you see in the dark? **Lesson 5:** How could you send a secret message to someone far away? **Lesson 6, Read Along:** How do boats find their way in the fog?
		3.2.1.B6 Unifying Themes (Energy): Recognize that light from the sun is an important source of energy for living and nonliving systems and some source of energy is needed for all organisms to stay alive and grow.			



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Biological Sciences	*Organisms & Cells*	**3.1.2.A3** Identify similarities and differences in the **life cycles** of plants and animals.	Plant Adventures	Grade 2	**Lesson 1:** How did a tree travel halfway around the world? **Lesson 2:** Could a plant survive without light? **Lesson 3:** Why do trees grow so tall? **Lesson 4:** Should you water a cactus? **Lesson 5:** Where do plants grow best?
		3.1.2.A5 Explain how different parts of a plant work together to make the organism function.			
	Evolution	**3.1.2.C2** Explain that living things can only survive if their needs are being met.	Animal Adventures	Grade 2	**Lesson 1:** How many different kinds of animals are there? **Lesson 2:** Why would a wild animal visit a playground? **Lesson 3:** Why do frogs say "ribbit"? **Lesson 4:** How could you get more birds to visit a bird feeder?
		3.1.2.C3 Unifying Themes (Constancy & Change): Describe some plants and animals that once lived on Earth (e.g. dinosaurs) but cannot be found anymore. Compare them to now living things that resemble them in some way (e.g. lizards and birds).			



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Earth & Space Sciences	*Earth, Structure, Processes, & Cycles*	**3.3.1.A4** Explore and describe that water exists in solid (ice) and liquid (water) form. Explain and illustrate evaporation and condensation.	Stormy Skies	Grade 3	**Lesson 1:** Where do clouds come from?
	Origin & Evolution of the Universe	**3.3.2.B1** Observe and record: location of the Sun and the Moon in the sky over a day; changes in the appearance of the Moon over a month. Observe, describe, and predict seasonal patterns of sunrise and sunset.	Spinning Sky	Grade 1	**Lesson 3:** How can the sun help you if you're lost? **Lesson 4, Read Along:** Why do you have to go to bed early in the summer? **Lesson 5:** When can you see the full moon? **Lesson 6:** Why do the stars come out at night? **Lesson 7, Read Along:** How can stars help you if you get lost?
Physical Sciences	*Chemistry*	**3.2.2.A3** Demonstrate how heating and cooling may cause changes in the properties of materials.			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
		3.2.2.A4 Experiment and explain what happens when two or more substances are combined (e.g. mixing, dissolving, and separated (e.g. filtering, evaporation).			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
		3.2.2.A5 Unifying Themes (Constancy & Change): Recognize that everything is made of matter.			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
	Physics	**3.2.2.B2** Explore and describe how different forms of energy cause change (e.g. sunlight, heat, wind)	Stormy Skies	Grade 3	**Lesson 4:** How can you keep a house from blowing away in a windstorm?
		3.2.2.B6 Unifying Themes (Energy): Recognize that light from the sun is an important source of energy for living and non-living systems and some source of energy is needed for all organisms to stay alive and grow.			



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Biological Sciences	*Evolution*	**3.1.3.C1** Recognize that plants survive through adaptations, such as stem growth towards light and root growth downward in response to gravity. Recognize that many plants and animals can survive harsh environments because of seasonal behaviors (e.g. hibernation, migration, trees shedding leaves).	Power of Flowers	Grade 3	**Lesson 1:** Why do plants grow flowers? **Lesson 2:** Why do plants give us fruit?
	Organisms & Cells	**3.1.3.A5** Identify the structures in plants that are responsible for food production, support, water transport, reproduction, growth, and protection.			
		3.1.3.A1 Describe characteristics of living things that help to identify and classify them.	Mini-lessons		**Mini-lesson:** What is the biggest spider in the world?** **Mini-lesson:** Why are so many people scared of bugs?**
		3.1.3.A3 Illustrate how plants and animals go through predictable life cycles that include birth, growth, development, reproduction, and death.			
		3.1.3.A2 Describe the basic needs of living things and their dependence on light, food, air, water, and shelter.			
	Genetics	**3.1.3.B1** Understand that plants and animals closely resemble their parents.	Power of Flowers	Grade 3	**Lesson 3:** Why are some apples red and some green? **Lesson 4:** How could you make the biggest fruit in the world?
		3.1.3.B5 Unifying Themes (Patterns): Identify characteristics that appear in both parents and offspring.	Mini-lessons		**Mini-lesson:** What's the biggest apple in the world?**
	Evolution (Cont.)	**3.1.3.C2** Describe animal characteristics necessary for survival.	Animals Through Time	Grade 3	**Lesson 1:** Where can you find whales in a desert? **Lesson 2:** How do we know what dinosaurs looked like? **Lesson 3:** Can you outrun a dinosaur?
		3.1.3.C3 Unifying Themes (Constancy & Change): Recognize the fossils provide us information about living things that inhabited the Earth long ago.	Mini-lessons		**Mini-lesson:** How do polar animals survive the cold?**

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Earth & Space Sciences	*Earth, Structure, Processes, & Cycles*	**3.3.3.A1** Explain and give examples of the ways in which soil is formed.			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
		3.3.3.A2 Identify the physical properties of minerals and demonstrate how minerals can be tested for these different physical properties.	Mini-lessons		**Mini-lesson:** Can you make lava? **Mini-lesson:** Why is the ocean salty? **Mini-lesson:** How are diamonds made?
		3.3.3.A4 Connect the various forms of precipitation to the weather in a particular place and time.	Stormy Skies	Grade 3	**Lesson 2:** How can we predict when it's going to storm? **Lesson 3:** Why are some places always hot?
		3.3.3.A5 Explain how air temperature, moisture, wind speed and direction, and precipitation make up the weather in a particular place and time.	Mini-lessons		**Mini-lessons:** What is the coldest place on Earth?
	Origin & Evolution of the Universe	**3.3.3.B1** Relate the rotation of the Earth and day/night, to the apparent movement of the sun, moon, and stars across the sky. Describe the changes that occur in the observable shape of the moon over the course of a month.	Mini-lessons		**Mini-lesson:** How often do eclipses happen? **Mini-lesson:** Why do different places have different times?



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Physical Sciences	*Chemistry*	**3.2.3.A1** Differentiate between properties of objects such as size, shape, and weight and properties of materials that make up the objects such as color, texture, and hardness. Differentiate between the three states of matter, classifying a substance as a solid, liquid, or gas.	Material Magic	Grade 2	**Lesson 1:** Why do we wear clothes? **Lesson 2:** Can you really fry an egg on a hot sidewalk? **Lesson 3:** Why are so many toys made out of plastic? **Lesson 4:** What materials might be invented in the future? **Lesson 5:** Could you build a house out of paper?
		3.2.3.A2 Recognize that all objects and materials in the world as made of mater.			
		3.2.3.A3 Demonstrate how heating and cooling may cause changes in the properties of materials including phase changes.			
		3.2.3.A4 Use basic reactions to demonstrate observable changes in properties of matter (e.g. burning, cooking).			
		3.2.3.A5 Unifying Themes (Constancy & Change): Recognize that everything is made of matter.			



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Physical Sciences ***(Continued)***	*Physics*	**3.2.3.B1** Explain how movement can be described in many ways.	Invisible Forces	Grade 3	**Lesson 1:** How could you win a tug-of-war against a bunch of adults? **Lesson 2:** What makes bridges so strong? **Lesson 3:** How can you go faster down a slide?
		3.2.3.B2 Explore energy's ability to cause motion or create change. Explore how energy can be found in moving objects, light, sound, and heat.			
		3.2.3.B3 Explore temperature changes that result from the addition of removal of heat.			*Pennsylvania Specific Standard*
		3.2.3.B4 Identify and classify objects and materials that are conductors or insulators of electricity. Identify and classify materials as magnetic or non-magnetic.	Invisible Forces	Grade 3	**Lesson 4:** What can magnets do? **Lesson 5:** How can you unlock a door using a magnet?
		3.2.3.B5 Recognize that light travels in a straight line until it strikes an object or travels from one material to another.			*Pennsylvania Specific Standard*
		3.2.3.B6 Unifying Themes (Energy): Recognize that light from the sun is an important source of energy for living and non-living systems and some source of energy is needed for all organisms to stay alive and grow.			*Pennsylvania Specific Standard*



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Biological Sciences	*Organisms & Cells*	**3.1.4.A1** Classify plants and animals according to the physical characteristics that they share.	*Pennsylvania Specific Standard*		
		3.1.4.A2 Describe the different resources that plants and animals need to live.	*Pennsylvania Specific Standard*		
		3.1.4.A3 Identify differences in the **life cycles** of plants and animals.	*Pennsylvania Specific Standard*		
		3.1.4.A5 Describe common functions living things share to help them function in a specific environment.	*Pennsylvania Specific Standard*		
		3.1.4.A8 Unifying Themes (Models): Construct and interpret **models** and diagrams of various animal and plant **life cycles**.	*Pennsylvania Specific Standard*		
	Genetics	**3.1.4.B1** Describe features that are observable in both parents and their offspring.	*Pennsylvania Specific Standard*		
		3.1.4.B2 Recognize that reproduction is necessary for the continuation of life.	*Pennsylvania Specific Standard*		
		3.1.4.B5 Unifying Themes (Patterns): Identify observable patterns in the physical characteristics of plants or groups of animals.	*Pennsylvania Specific Standard*		



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Biological Sciences	*Evolution*	**3.1.4.C1** Identify different characteristics of plants and animals that help some populations survive and reproduce in greater numbers. Describe how environmental changes can cause **extinction** in plants and animals.			*Pennsylvania Specific Standard*
		3.1.4.C2 Describe plant and animal adaptations that are important to survival.	Human Machine Mini-lessons	Grade 4	**Lesson 1:** Why do your biceps bulge? **Lesson 2:** What do people who are blind see? **Lesson 3:** How can some animals see in the dark? **Lesson 4:** How does your brain control your body? **Mini-lesson:** Why are butterflies so colorful?**
		3.1.4.C3 Unifying Themes (Constancy & Change): Compare fossils to one another and currently living organisms according to their anatomical similarities and differences.			*Pennsylvania specific standard*

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Earth & Space Sciences	*Earth Structure, Processes, & Cycles*	**3.3.4.A1** Describe basic landforms. Identify the layers of the Earth. Recognize that the surface of the Earth changes due to slow processes and rapid processes.	The Birth of Rocks	Grade 4	**Lesson 1:** Could a volcano pop up where you live? **Lesson 2:** Why do some volcanoes explode? **Lesson 3:** Will a mountain last forever? **Lesson 4:** How could you survive a landslide?
		3.3.4.A2 Identify basic properties of Earth's materials including rocks, soils, water, and gases of the **atmosphere**.			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
		3.3.4.A3 Recognize that fossils provide evidence about the plants and animals that lived long ago and the nature of the environment at that time.	Mini-lessons		**Mini-lesson:** Were dragons ever real? **Mini-lesson:** Could a turtle live outside its shell?
		3.3.4.A4 Recognize Earth's different water resources, including both fresh and saltwater. Describe phase changes in the forms of water on Earth.			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
		3.3.4.A5 Describe basic weather elements. Identify weather patterns over time.			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
		3.3.4.A6 Unifying Themes (Models/ Scale): Identify basic landforms using simple models and simple maps. **(Constancy & Change):** Identify simple changes in the Earth system as air, water, soil and rock interact. **(Scale):** Explain how basic weather elements are measured.	Work of Water*	Grade 2*	**Lesson 1:** If you floated down a river, where would you end up? **Lesson 2:** Why is there sand at the beach? **Lesson 3:** Where do flash floods happen? **Lesson 4:** What's strong enough to make a canyon? **Lesson 5:** How can you stop a landslide?

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Earth & Space Sciences	*Origin & Evolution of the Universe*	**3.3.4.B1** Identify planets in our **solar system** and their basic characteristics. Describe the Earth's place in our **solar system** that includes the Sun (a star), planets, and many moons. Recognize that the universe contains many billions of galaxies and that each **galaxy** contains many billions of stars.	Spaceship Earth	Grade 5	**Lesson 5:** Why does the Moon change shape? **Lesson 6:** What are the wandering stars? **Lesson 7:** Why is gravity different on other planets? **Lesson 8:** Could there be life on other planets?
		3.3.4.B2 Unifying Themes (Scales): Know the basic characteristics and uses of telescopes. **(Patterns/ Phases):** Identify major lunar phases. **(Patterns):** Explain time (days, seasons) using **solar system** motions.			
Physical Science	*Chemistry*	**3.2.4.A1** Identify and classify objects based on their observable and measurable physical properties. Compare and contrast solids, liquids, and gases based on their properties.	Watery Planet	Grade 5	**Lesson 2:** How much salt is in the ocean?
		3.2.4.A2 Demonstrate that materials are composed of parts that are too small to be seen without magnification.			
		3.2.4.A3 Demonstrate the conservation of **mass** during physical changes such as melting or freezing.	Chemical Magic	Grade 5	**Lesson 1:** Are magic potions real? **Lesson 2:** Could you transform something worthless into gold? **Lesson 3:** What would happen if you drank a glass of acid? **Lesson 4:** What do fireworks, rubber, and silly putty have in common? **Lesson 5:** Why do some things explode?
		3.2.4.A4 Recognize that combining two or more substances may make new materials with different properties.			
		3.2.4.A5 Unifying Themes (Models): Use models to demonstrate the physical change as water goes from liquid to ice and from liquid to vapor.			



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Physical Sciences (Continued)	*Physics*	**3.2.4.B1** Explain how an object's change in motion can be observed and measured.	Energizing Everything	Grade 4	**Lesson 1:** How is your body similar to a car? **Lesson 2:** What makes roller coasters go so fast? **Lesson 3:** Why is the first hill of a roller coaster always the highest? **Lesson 4:** Could you knock down a building using only dominoes? **Lesson 5:** Can you build a chain reaction machine?
		3.2.4.B2 Identify types of energy and their ability to be stored and changed from one form to another.			
		3.2.4.B6 Unifying Themes (Energy): Give examples of how energy can be transformed from one form to another.			
		3.2.4.B4 Apply knowledge of electrical circuits to the design and construction of simple direct **current** circuits. Compare and contrast series and parallel circuits. Demonstrate that magnets have poles that repel and attract each other.			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
		3.2.4.B3 Understand that objects that emit light often emit heat.			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
		3.2.4.B5 Demonstrate how vibrating objects make sound and sound can make things vibrate. Demonstrate how light can be reflected, refracted, or absorbed by an object.	Mini-lessons		**Mini-lesson:** How is a rainbow made?** **Mini-lesson:** Why is snow white?**

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Biological Sciences	*Organisms & Cells*	**3.1.5.A2** Describe how life on Earth depends on energy from the Sun.	Web of Life Mini-lessons	Grade 5	**Lesson 1:** Why would a hawk move to New York City? **Lesson 2:** What do plants eat? **Lesson 3:** Where do fallen leaves go? **Lesson 4:** Do worms really eat dirt? **Lesson 5:** Why do you have to clean a fish tank but not a pond? **Lesson 6:** Why did the dinosaurs go extinct? **Mini-lesson:** Are butterflies the only animals that start out as caterpillars?**
		3.1.5.A3 Compare and contrast the similarities and differences in life cycles of different organisms.			
		3.1.5.A5 Explain the concept of a cell as the basic unit of life. Compare and contrast plant and animal cells.			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
	Genetics	**3.1.5.B1** Differentiate between inherited and acquired characteristics of plants and animals.	Animals Through Time* Mini-lessons	Grade 3*	**Lesson 4:** What kinds of animals might there be in the future? **Lesson 5:** Can selection happen without people? **Lesson 6:** Why do dogs wag their tails? **Lesson 7:** What's the best way to get rid of mosquitoes? **Lesson 8:** How long can people (and animals) survive in outer space? **Mini-lesson:** Why are flamingos pink?** **Mini-lesson:** Why do bears hibernate?**
	Evolution	**3.1.5.C2** Give examples of how inherited characteristics (e.g. shape of beak, length of neck, location of eyes, shape of teeth) may change over time as adaptations to changes in the environment that enable organisms to survive.			
		3.1.5.C1 Describe how organisms meet some of their needs by using behaviors (patterns of activities) in response to information (stimuli) received from the environment			

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Earth & Space Sciences	*Earth Structure, Processes, & Cycles*	**3.3.5.A1** Describe how landforms are the result of a combination of destructive forces such as erosion and constructive erosion, deposition of sediment, etc.	Mini-lessons		**Mini-lesson:** How do earthquakes happen? **Mini-lesson:** How old is the Earth?
		3.3.5.A3 Explain how geological processes observed today such as erosion, movement of lithospheric plates, and changes in the composition of the atmosphere are similar to those in the past.			
		3.3.5.A2 Describe the usefulness of Earth's physical resources as raw materials for the human made world.	Watery Planet	Grade 5	**Lesson 1:** How much water is in the world? **Lesson 3:** When you turn on the faucet, where does the water come from? **Lesson 4:** Can we make it rain? **Lesson 5:** How can you save a town from a hurricane?
		3.3.5.A4 Explain the basic components of the water cycle.			
		3.3.5.A5 Differentiate between weather and climate. Explain how the cycling of water, both in and out of the atmosphere, has an effect on climate.			
	Origin & Evolution of the Universe	**3.3.5.B1** Provide evidence that the Earth revolves around (orbits) the sun in a year's time and that the earth rotates on its axis once approximately every 24 hours.	Spaceship Earth	Grade 5	**Lesson 1:** How fast does the Earth spin? **Lesson 2:** Who set the first clock? **Lesson 3:** How can the Sun tell you the season? **Lesson 4:** Why do the stars change with the seasons?



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Physical Sciences	*Chemistry*	**3.2.5.A1** Describe how water can be changed from one state to another by adding or taking away heat.			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
	Physics	**3.2.5.B1** Explain how mass of an object resists change to motion.			*Pennsylvania specific standard*
		3.2.5.B2 Examine how energy can be transferred from one form to another.	Energizing Everything	Grade 4	**Lesson 6:** What if there were no electricity? **Lesson 7:** How long did it take to travel across the country before cars and planes? **Lesson 8:** Where does energy come from?
		3.2.5.B3 Demonstrate how heat energy is usually a byproduct of an energy transformation.			
		3.2.5.B4 Demonstrate how electrical circuits provide a means of transferring electrical energy when heat, light, sound, and chemical changes are produced. Demonstrate how electromagnets can be made and used.			
		3.2.5.B5 Compare the characteristics of sound as it is transmitted through different materials. Relate the rate of vibration to the pitch of the sound.	Waves of Sound	Grade 4	**Lesson 1:** How far can a whisper travel? **Lesson 2:** What would happen if you screamed in outer space? **Lesson 3:** Why are some sounds high and some sounds low?