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| - Food provides animals with the materials and energy they need for body repair, growth, warmth and motion. Plants acquire material for growth chiefly from air, water, and process matter and obtain energy from sunlight, which is used to maintain conditions necessary for survival.  
  - The food of almost any animal can be traced back to plants. Organisms are related in food webs in which some animals eat plants for food and other animals eat the animals that eat plants, while decomposers restore some materials back to the soil.  
  - Matter cycles between the air and soil and among organisms as they live and die.  
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● How does matter move among plants, animals, decomposers, and the environment? |
| Knowledge:                          | Skills:                                                                               |
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  - A healthy ecosystem is one in which multiple species of different types are each able to meet their needs in a relatively stable web of life.  
  - Plants get the materials they need for growth mainly from air and water, not soil.  
  - Matter that is not food (air, water, decomposed materials in soil) is changed by plants into matter that is food. | ● Describe the steps of a food chain for animals in an ecosystem.  
● Describe how an animal is affected by the elimination of a part of a food chain.  
● Show how energy is transferred from the sun into food into an animal through the chemical process.  
● Present ideas of ecosystems that can be described as healthy.  
● Describe the growth cycle of plants and the necessary factors for their growth.  
● Describe the process in which plants turn matter that is not food into matter that is food. |
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NGSS:
5-PS3-1. Use models to describe that energy in animals’ food (used for body repair, growth, and motion and to maintain body warmth) was once energy from the sun.
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5-LS2-1. Develop a model to describe the movement of matter among plants, animals, decomposers, and the environment.

CCSS:
- ELA
- Mathematics

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Performance Tasks and other evidence:

- **Summative Assessments**
  - RST- Research Simulation Task
  - Associated Unit tests, quizzes
  - Labs and engineering based projects
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**Stage 3 – Learning Plan**

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- Hands-on Activity: Biodomes Engineering Design Project: Lessons 2-6
  - [Biodomes Lessons 2-6/Teach Engineering](#)
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  - [Ecosystem Model](#)
- Several good activities for this unit based on NGSS:
- Cleaning Oil Spills
- Is It Living?
- Functions of Living Things
- Is It Made of Cells?
- Wet Jeans
- Is It an Animal?
- Habitat Change
Learning Activities:
- Create murals of different ecosystems
- Create a diagram of photosynthesis
- Replicate a live food chain using yarn
- Create a consumer and producer poster
- Food chain collage

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- Learn How Early Aztec Chinampas Were the Precursor to Hydroponics
  [http://www.history.com/videos/aztec-ingenuity#aztec-ingenuity](http://www.history.com/videos/aztec-ingenuity#aztec-ingenuity)
- Free wildlife photos and videos
  [www.arkive.org](http://www.arkive.org)
- Animal Universe Game
- Build an Online Habitat
- How to Set Up a Terrarium
- Collection of Sites: PBS Learning Media, Study Jams, Bill Nye, Discovery, Etc..
- Collection of Resources on Plants
- Kids Do Ecology
  [http://kids.nceas.ucsb.edu/biomes/index.html#terrestrial](http://kids.nceas.ucsb.edu/biomes/index.html#terrestrial)
- NASA Mission: Biomes
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  [Windows to the Universe: Information on biomes and ecosystems](http://www.windowsutotheuniverse.org/)
- Virtual Lab: Energy Pyramid
  [http://www.mhhe.com/biosci/genbio/virtual_labs/BL_02/BL_02.html](http://www.mhhe.com/biosci/genbio/virtual_labs/BL_02/BL_02.html)
- University of California, Activities, Games, Quizzes
- Simulations
- Interactive Food Web
- Webcams, Animal Guides, Activities
  [http://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals-and-experiences](http://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals-and-experiences)
- Articles, Webcams, Interactive Activities
  [http://nationalzoo.si.edu/education/](http://nationalzoo.si.edu/education/)
- Oregon Zoo
- Conservation  
  [http://www.worldwildlife.org/places](http://www.worldwildlife.org/places)
- New Jersey Endangered and Threatened Wildlife  
  [http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/tandespp.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/tandespp.htm)
- Interactive Activity  
  [http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/content/animals/kidscorner/games/foodchaingame.htm](http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/content/animals/kidscorner/games/foodchaingame.htm)
- NJ Osprey Population Data  
- Modeling Interdependence  
  [http://concord.org/stem-resources/experiment-ecosystems](http://concord.org/stem-resources/experiment-ecosystems)
- Virtual Ecosystem  
  [http://concord.org/stem-resources/virtual-ecosystem](http://concord.org/stem-resources/virtual-ecosystem)
- Teacher Guide for Virtual Ecosystem  
- Effect of Climate on Ecosystems  
- Use a Model to Study the Effect of Competition  
  [http://concord.org/stem-resources/competition](http://concord.org/stem-resources/competition)
- Performance Tasks grades 5-8  

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- Chemical reactions occur when substances are mixed together and a new substance is formed. The properties of a chemical reaction will be different, but the total mass remains the same.

#### Essential Questions:

1. How can I describe matter when it is made up of particles too small to be seen?
2. Why is the total weight of matter conserved regardless of the type of change that occurs when heating, cooling, or mixing substances?
3. How can I use a material's properties to identify the material?
4. How can I use two or more different substances to make a new substance, and why will this result in a change of properties?

#### Knowledge:

*Students will know…..*

- matter is made of particles too small to be seen through basic observations or demonstration. (5-PS1-1)
- the amount (weight) of matter is conserved when it changes form, even in transitions in which it seems to vanish. (5-PS1-2)
- no matter what reaction or change in properties occurs, the total weight of the substances does not change. (5-PS1-2)
- when two or more different substances are mixed, a new substance with different properties may be formed. (5-PS1-3)
- examples of observable properties could include color, hardness, reflectivity, electrical conductivity, thermal conductivity, response to magnetic forces, and solubility. (5-PS1-4)

#### Skills:

*Students will be able to…..*

- discuss that matter is too small to be seen
- explain that matter has mass and takes up space
- use a balance to measure the mass of different objects
- identify the various properties of matter, such as mass, texture, hardness, elasticity, odor, magnetism, mass, and if it reacts to heat
- describe the process of adding matter to an enclosed area and observing the physical and chemical changes
- describe the process of mixing matter and observing the results of the interaction
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- explain the properties that are formed when two different substances are mixed together
- identify and compare materials by their observable properties
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NGSS:
- 5-PS1-1. Develop a model to describe that matter is made of particles too small to be seen.
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- Magic Milk
- Chromatography Garden
- Wonderful Water Colors
- Lava Lamp
- Explore Density of Three Liquids
- Cookie Crumbles
- Is It Melting?
- Is It Matter?
- Talking About Gravity

**Learning Activities:**
- Students act out (with a small ball, yarn ball, etc) how particles move in the three states of matter
- Cooperative Group Activity-Create a matter poster where children must label and be able to explain the the three states of matter
- Create a Superhero of one form of matter
- Students blow into a balloon (in order to demonstrate that matter is made of particles too small to be seen)
- Add air to expand a basketball
- Dissolve sugar or salt in water
- Evaporate salt water [https://thewaterproject.org/resources/lesson-plans/evaporation-experiment](https://thewaterproject.org/resources/lesson-plans/evaporation-experiment)
- Investigating a Chemical Change Experiment (Elementary Science Text pp. B38-B39)
- A lesson that has students Develop a model to describe that matter is made of particles too small to be seen. [http://betterlesson.com/next_gen_science/browse/2161/ngss-5-ps1-1-develop-a-model-to-describe-that-matter-is-made-of-particles-too-small-to-be-seen](http://betterlesson.com/next_gen_science/browse/2161/ngss-5-ps1-1-develop-a-model-to-describe-that-matter-is-made-of-particles-too-small-to-be-seen)
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- Scholastic Jams video and quiz on physical and chemical changes  
- Scholastic Jams Video on Solids, Liquids, and Gases  
- Engineering a mobile launcher that is light, but strong  
  Light but Strong Engineering Activity
- Links to Interactive Activities on Matter: Physical and Chemical Changes  
  http://interactivesites.weebly.com/matter-chemical--physical.html
- Structure and Properties of Matter Teacher’s Unit Guide  
  Structure & Properties of Matter Unit
- Video about the particle model of matter  
  States of Matter Particle Model Website
- Interactive web site with activities and quizzes about states of matter  
  Changing State Interactive Website
- Lesson plan about states of matter and game  
  Lesson Plan for BrainPop -States of Matter
- Matter review quizlet game  
  quizlet vocabulary practice
- Lesson plans about heating and cooling of a liquid  
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- Links for lessons and videos about matter  
  several Lessons on physical changes
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  PHET simulation on gas properties

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<td>- the length of each day and the direction of shadows are affected by the orbit of both the Earth and the Moon.</td>
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<td>- describe how the gravitational force may be different in other places in the solar system.</td>
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| - 5-PS2-1. Support an argument that the gravitational force exerted by Earth on objects is directed down. |
| - 5-ESS1-1. Support an argument that differences in the apparent brightness of the sun compared to other stars is due to their relative distance from Earth. |
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- Darkness at Night
- Emmy’s Moon and Stars
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Learning Activities:

- Students participate in a lab about gravity and motion
  
  Phet simulation of gravitational force

- Measuring the Earth’s Tilt: Shadows and Movement of the Earth
  
  Changing Shadows

- Viewing the North Polar Constellations
  
  Constellation Activities

- Webquest on the Constellations and Seasons
  
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- Earth, Moon, and Sun Unit with Resources
  
  Earth, Moon & Sun Unit

- Lessons observing day and night
  
  observing day and night

- Shadow and light lessons
  
  Many lessons on shadow and light

- Unit about constellations and earth movement
  
  Star Unit activities

- Write an essay to counter the statement, “The force of gravity does not exist on Earth.”

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- STEM lesson designing a model that explains how rotation of the Earth and Moon to helps explain a change in time as well as patterns we see on Earth.
  
  Travel in Time Unit

- ELA Curricular Connections
  
  Teaching through trade books

- Information about the planets and solar system
  
  NASA Solar System Exploration

- Temperature Trends and Seasons-Data Climate Collection
  
  http://www.stem4teachers.org/category/elementary-inquiry/

- A website with a plethora of STEM websites
  
  STEM Exploration Resources

- Lesson plan to explore size and distance relationships among planets
  
  Solar System Scale and Size

- Webquest for collaboration among groups in exploring planets
  
  5th Grade Solar System Webquest

- Website that contains resources and facts about galaxies and stars
  
  Many space resources

- Resource students can use while researching information about astronomy
  
  Astronomy for kids - Planet Resources

- Lesson on light and shadows
  
  https://www.nsta.org/elementaryschool/connections/2012105ELesson.pdf

- Create a solar system using toilet paper and measuring the distance between planets
Toilet paper Solar System Change of Seasons

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- Change of Seasons
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- most of Earth’s water is in the ocean and much of the Earth’s freshwater is in glaciers or underground.
- social activities have a major impact on land, oceans, atmosphere, and outer space. Society does things to protect Earth’s resources and environments.
- humans and other organisms will be affected in many different ways if Earth’s global mean temperature continues to rise.

### Essential Questions:

1. How much water can be found in different places on Earth?
2. How are saltwater and freshwater distributed on Earth?
3. How do the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and or atmosphere interact?
4. How do individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth’s resources and environment?

### Knowledge:

**Students will know……..**

- the Earth's systems are the geosphere (solid and molten rock, soils, and sediments), the hydrosphere (water and ice), the atmosphere (air), and the biosphere (living things, including humans).
- the Earth's systems interact in a variety of ways that affect earth's surface materials and processes.
- the ocean supports a variety of ecosystems and organisms, shapes landforms and influences climate.
- the atmosphere affects landforms and ecosystems through weather and climate.
- winds and clouds in the atmosphere interact with the landforms to determine patterns of weather.
- human activities in agriculture, industry, and everyday life have had major effects on the land, vegetation, streams, ocean, air, and even outer space.

### Skills:

**Students will be able to…..**

- develop a model using an example to describe ways in which the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and or atmosphere interact.
- investigate Earth’s major systems and describe their similarities and differences.
- provide examples of ways that show that Earth’s systems interact with one another.
- demonstrate the impact that the ocean has on each of the following: ecosystems, landform shape, and climate.
- prove that mountain ranges impact the winds and the clouds.
- study and graph the amounts of water on the planet other than the oceans.
- provide ways humans can protect our land, vegetation, waterways, and outer space.
Standards: (Note: Include reference to relevant standards in the Core Content Area as well as technology and 21st-century life and careers.)

NGSS:
- 5-ESS2-1. Develop a model using an example to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact.
- 5-ESS2-2. Describe and graph the amounts of saltwater and freshwater in various reservoirs to provide evidence about the distribution of water on Earth.
- 5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth’s resources and environment.

CCSS: ELA
- RI.5.3 Explain the relationships or interactions between two or more individuals, events, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text based on specific information in the text.
- RI.5.4 Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 5 topic or subject area.
- W.5.1 Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.
- W.5.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.

CCSS: Mathematics
- 5.MD.B.2 Make a line plot to display a data set of measurements in fractions of a unit (1/2, 1/4, 1/8). Use operations on fractions for this grade to solve problems involving information presented in line plots. For example, given different measurements of liquid in identical beakers, find the amount of liquid each beaker would contain if the total amount in all the beakers were redistributed equally.
- 5.G.A.2 Represent real world and mathematical problems by graphing points in the first quadrant of the coordinate plane, and interpret coordinate values of points in the context of the situation.

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Stage 2 - Assessment Evidence:

Performance Tasks and other evidence:

- Summative Assessments
  - RST- Research Simulation Task
  - Associated Unit tests, quizzes
  - Labs and engineering based projects
  - Create a project to demonstrate how to protect the Earth’s resources and environment

- Formative Assessments
  - Graphic Organizers & Guided Note Taking
  - Directed Reading
  - Cooperative Group Learning
  - Journal Entries/Foldables
Stage 3 – Learning Plan

**Suggested EDP Activities/Probes:** (handouts provided)

- Beach Sand
- Mountain Age
- Make Rain in a Jar
- Make a Terrarium
- Mountain Age
- Is It a Rock? (Version 1)
- Is It a Rock? (Version 2)
- Mountaintop Fossil
- Beach Sand

**Learning Activities:**

- Lesson about the ratio of water on Earth  
  [A Drop in the Bucket](http://climatekids.nasa.gov/next-generation-standards/review/)
- Develop a model using an example the ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact  
- Lab Experiment to learn about the percentage of fresh drinking water  
- The Global Sun Temperature Project to interact with classes around the world  
- Lesson plan for the exploration of erosion  
  [Going With the Flow](http://climatekids.nasa.gov/ocean/)
- Design an excel spreadsheet to represent the portion of fresh water in a variety of bodies of water
- Work in a group to research how the parts of Earth interact

**Digital information and technology integration:** Indicate any special considerations as well as materials, resources (online, print, video, audio) or equipment.

- Lesson plan about stormwater transport and water pollution  
  [Follow the River to Clean Water](http://climatekids.nasa.gov/ocean/)
- Lessons about air pollution  
  [Various Engineering Ideas](http://climatekids.nasa.gov/ocean/)
- Lesson about the movement of groundwater  
  [Ground Water Activity](http://climatekids.nasa.gov/ocean/)
- Video and information about the ocean and salt water  
  [http://climatekids.nasa.gov/ocean/](http://climatekids.nasa.gov/ocean/)
- Lesson plan about the distribution of water around the world  
  [Water Water Everywhere lesson plan](http://climatekids.nasa.gov/ocean/)
- Lesson plan for the scientific investigation of water  
  [Water Quality/Quantity](http://climatekids.nasa.gov/ocean/)
- Information and table of global water distribution  
  [The USGS Water Science School](http://climatekids.nasa.gov/ocean/)
- Videos to integrate into Science lessons
● Design a water filtration system
  http://www.earthsciweek.org/classroom-activities/water-filtration
● Hands-On activities about erosion
  http://www.siemensscienceday.com/activities/erosion_rates.cfm

**Modifications: (ELLs, Special Education, Gifted and Talented)**

* Follow all IEP modifications/504 plan
* Teacher tutoring
* Peer tutoring
* Cooperative learning groups
* Modified assignments
* Differentiated instruction

Presentation accommodations allow a student to:

* Listen to audio recordings instead of reading text
* Learn content from audiobooks, movies, videos and digital media instead of reading print versions
* Work with fewer items per page or line and/or materials in a larger print size
* Have a designated reader
* Hear instructions orally
* Record a lesson, instead of taking notes
* Have another student share class notes with him
* Be given an outline of a lesson
* Use visual presentations of verbal material, such as word webs and visual organizers
* Be given a written list of instructions

Response accommodations allow a student to:

* Give responses in a form (oral or written) that’s easier for him
* Dictate answers to a scribe
* Capture responses on an audio recorder
* Use a spelling dictionary or electronic spell-checker
* Use a word processor to type notes or give responses in class
* Use a calculator or table of “math facts”

Setting accommodations allow a student to:

* Work or take a test in a different setting, such as a quiet room with few distractions
* Sit where he learns best (for example, near the teacher)
* Use special lighting or acoustics
* Take a test in small group setting
* Use sensory tools such as an exercise band that can be looped around a chair’s legs (so fidgety kids can kick it and quietly get their energy out)

Timing accommodations allow a student to:

* Take more time to complete a task or a test
* Have extra time to process oral information and directions
* Take frequent breaks, such as after completing a task
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| Scheduling accommodations        | * Take more time to complete a project  
* Take a test in several timed sessions or over several days  
* Take sections of a test in a different order  
* Take a test at a specific time of day |
| Organization skills accommodations | * Use an alarm to help with time management  
* Mark texts with a highlighter  
* Have help coordinating assignments in a book or planner  
* Receive study skills instruction |
| Assignment modifications          | * Complete fewer or different homework problems than peers  
* Write shorter papers  
* Answer fewer or different test questions  
* Create alternate projects or assignments |
| Curriculum modifications          | * Learn different material (such as continuing to work on multiplication while classmates move on to fractions)  
* Get graded or assessed using a different standard than the one for classmates |