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	• The physical properties of water can change.
Content Statement	Content Elaborations
1. The sun is the principal source of energy.	Prior Concepts Related to Sun and Weather
a. Sunlight warms Earth's land, air, and water. The amount of exposure to	PreK-K: Weather changes every day, weather changes are short and long term,
sunlight affects the amount of warming or cooling of air, water, and	the sun is visible during the day, and the position of the sun can change.
land.	
Learning Targets:	Grade 1 Concepts
 I can measure how sunlight warms objects (air, water, soil). 	Quantitative measurements must be used to observe and document the
• I can use tools to measure temperature (thermometer, touch).	warming and cooling of air, water, or soil. The length of time an object or
• I can communicate my observations about how sunlight warms objects	material (including water) is exposed to sunlight and its resulting temperature
(air, water, soil).	must be observed, as should the amount of time for the object or material to
	cool down after it is taken out of the sunlight.
	Appropriate tools and technology must be used to collect, compare, and
	document data. Investigation and experimentation must be combined with
	explanation, questioning, and discussion of the results and findings.
	Future Application of Concepts
	Grade 2: The relationship between energy and long- and short-term weather
	is introduced.

	Grades 3-5: Renewable energy, forms of energy (e.g., heat, light, electrical energy), the solar system, and patterns/cycles between the Earth and sun are explored.
Content Vocabulary	Academic Vocabulary
• air	• observe
• soil	• measure
thermometer	notice
• warm/cool	communicate
Formative Assessments	Summative Assessments
 Student responses (written and oral) 	Not applicable at this grade level
 Student participation in discussion and activities 	
Teacher observation	
Resources	Enrichment Strategies
Infrared thermometer	 Content related materials available for daily exploration during centers
Thermometer	and/or free choice when other work is completed.
Science journal	 Students write observations, ask questions, and draw pictures in their science journals. Teacher responds to answer questions and suggest further extensions to differentiate and promote higher learning.
Integrations	Intervention Strategies
 Students will have access to content-related fiction and nonfiction 	Content related materials available for daily exploration during centers
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2. The physical properties of water can change.	Prior Concepts Related to Water
a. These changes occur due to changing energy. Water can change from a	PreK-K: Water can be observed in many different forms; precipitation (rain,
liquid to a solid and from a solid to a liquid. Weather observations can	sleet, hail, or snow) is a component of weather that can be measured.
be used to examine the property changes of water.	
Note: Water as a vapor is not introduced until Grade 2: only solid and	Grade 1 Concepts
liquid water should be discussed at this level. A broader coverage of states	Water can be observed in lakes, ponds, streams, wetlands, the ocean, and
of matter is found in Grade 4. This concept builds on the PS Kindergarten	through weather events. Freezing and melting of water are investigated
strand pertaining to properties (liquids and solids).	through measurements and observations using technology, in the classroom,
Learning Targets:	or in a natural setting. Examining maps (virtual or 2-D) of Onio, world maps, or
 I can identify water in different forms (hail, sleet, rain, mist, snow). 	why it is important to learn about water. Water also can be observed in the air
 I can describe that water changes from a liquid to a solid and from a 	as clouds, steam, or fog, but this comment should be limited to observed in the unit
solid to a liquid.	only at this grade level (see Note).
 I can use maps to locate bodies of water. 	
SS: Maps can be used to identify places. Places are distinctive	Investigations (inside or outside) and experimentation must be used to
because of their physical characteristics.	demonstrate the changing properties of water. Use appropriate tools to test
• I can use appropriate tools to test and measure water's weight, texture,	and measure water's weight, texture, temperature, or size (e.g., compare
temperature, and size.	

	measurements of water before and after freezing, examine the texture of snow or ice crystals using a hand lens) to document the physical properties.
	 Future Application of Concepts Grade 2: Water as a vapor is introduced (water is present in the atmosphere). Grades 3-5: Water is identified as a nonliving resource that can be used for energy; common states of matter include liquids, solids, and gases; Earth's surface has been changed by processes involving water; and where water is found on Earth.
Content Vocabulary	Academic Vocabulary
• cloud	appropriate
• freezing	locate
• lake	• describe
• liquid	• predict
• melting	
• ocean	
• size	
• stream	
• temperature	
texture	
• wetland	
Formative Assessments	Summative Assessments
 Student responses (written and oral) 	Not applicable at this grade level
 Student participation in discussion and activities 	
Teacher observation	
Resources	Enrichment Strategies
Balance	Content related materials available for daily exploration during centers
Hand lens	and/or free choice when other work is completed.
Kitchen scale	 Students write observations, ask questions, and draw pictures in their
• Ruler	science journals. Teacher responds to answer questions and suggest
Thermometer	further extensions to differentiate and promote higher learning.

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 Bird food Materials for creating a bird feeder (pine cones, bagels, soy butter, cream cheese, vegetable shortening) Seeds for planting (lima beans, peas, marigolds) Soil 	 and/or free choice when other work is completed. Students write observations, ask questions, and draw pictures in their science journals. Teacher responds to answer questions and suggest further extensions to differentiate and promote higher learning.
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	Seasonal changes affect the resources available to living things (e.g., grasses are not as available in winter as they are in summer).
	The needs of plants include room to grow, temperature range, light, water, air, nutrients, and time (growing season). The amount and distribution of these will influence the types of plants that can survive in an area. Observations of seasonal changes in temperature, liquid water availability, wind, and light must be applied to the effect of seasonal changes on local plants.
	Future Application of Concepts
	Grade 2: This concept expands to include interactions between organisms and the physical environment in which the organisms or the physical environment are changed.
	Grades 3-5: The fact that organisms have life cycles that are part of their adaptations for survival in their natural environment builds upon this concept.
	Grades 6-8: In any particular biome, the number, growth, and survival of organisms and populations depend on biotic and abiotic factors.
Content Vocabulary	Academic Vocabulary
nutrients	• discuss
 seasonal changes 	• cause
• shelter	• purpose
 space (room to grow) 	• explore
• survival/survive	
• temperature	
Formative Assessments	Summative Assessments
 Student responses (written and oral) 	Not applicable at this grade level
 Student participation in discussion and activities 	
Teacher observation	
Resources	Enrichment Strategies
Lima beans	• Content related materials available for daily exploration during centers
Plastic bags	and/or free choice when other work is completed.
Paper towel	 Students write observations, ask questions, and draw pictures in their
• Water	science journals. Teacher responds to answer questions and suggest further extensions to differentiate and promote higher learning.

Light space/dark spaceSoil	
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	 Parts of objects have specific properties that allow them to work with other parts to carry out a particular function. Something may not work well or at all if a part of it is missing, broken, worn out, mismatched, or misconnected. Toys that can be assembled from several parts can be investigated when one or more of the parts are missing. Note: Emphasis is placed on observations. Concepts of thermal energy, atoms, and heat transfer are inappropriate at this grade. <i>Future Application of Concepts</i> Grade 2: Water can change from liquid to vapor in the air and from vapor to liquid (ESS). Grades 3-5: Matter is defined. Measurements of weight and liquid volume are made. Properties of solids, liquids, and gases and phase changes are explored. During any change, including phase changes, the total mass* remains constant. The sum of the mass of the parts of an object is equal to the mass of the entire object.
	Note: While mass is the scientifically correct term to use in this context, the NAEP 2009 Science Framework (page 27) recommends using the more familiar term "weight" in the elementary grades with the distinction between mass and weight being introduced at the middle school level. In Ohio, students will not be assessed on the differences between mass and weight until Grade 6.
Content Vocabulary liquid properties (color and shape) solid 	Academic Vocabulary change investigate observe
 Formative Assessments Student responses (written and oral) Student participation in discussion and activities Teacher observation 	Summative Assessments Not applicable at this grade level
Resources Water Ice 	 Enrichment Strategies Content related materials available for daily exploration during centers and/or free choice when other work is completed.

 Color changing materials (cups, shirts, beads, mood rings) Toys with removable parts (cars, yo-yo) 	 Students write observations, ask questions, and draw pictures in their science journals. Teacher responds to answer questions and suggest further extensions to differentiate and promote higher learning.
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	 Note 1: Scientific definitions and calculations of speed are inappropriate at this grade. Note 2: Force is a push or pull between two objects, and energy is the property of an object that can cause change. A force acting on an object can sometimes result in a change in energy. The differences between force and energy will be developed over time and are not appropriate for this grade. <i>Future Application of Concepts</i> Grade 2: Forces are necessary to change the motion of objects. Grades 3-5: The amount of change in movement of an object is based on the mass* of the object and the amount of force exerted. Note: While mass is the scientifically correct term to use in this context, the NAEP 2009 Science Framework (page 27) recommends using the more familiar term "weight" in the elementary grades with the distinction between mass and weight being introduced at the middle school level. In Ohio, students will not be assessed on the differences between mass and weight until Grade 6.
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• circle	• predict
• energy	• effect
• force	• prove
 gravity nosition (in front behind above below) 	 Notice identify
 position (in none, bennu, above, below) pull 	demonstrate
• push	
straight line	
• swing (back and forth)	
• zigzag	
Formative Assessments	Summative Assessments
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Resources • Balls • Toy cars • Pinwheel • Rope/string • STEM for Primary – Race Car Challenge	 Enrichment Strategies Content related materials available for daily exploration during centers and/or free choice when other work is completed. Students write observations, ask questions, and draw pictures in their science journals. Teacher responds to answer questions and suggest further extensions to differentiate and promote higher learning.
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