Scope and Sequence

Course/Subject: Science

Grade Level: 6

Month	Unit Title	I can statements or Standards (Desired Results)	Acceptable Evidence (Transfer Task)
September	Earth's Structure	 I can demonstrate Earth's major systems and how they interact. I can explain why the Earth has a spherical shape. I can explain the interior layers of the Earth. I can compare and contrast Earth's major landforms. 	 Students will Investigate gravity and density in Labs Identify and describe the layers of Earth Use a map key Put labels on different maps Identify Earth's major landforms on a map
October	Minerals Rocks	 I can define what a mineral is and name some common minerals. I can define what a rock is and name some common rocks. I can define the different types of rocks and how they form I can explain the properties of minerals and rocks. I can identify common mineral and rocks. I can demonstrate how we use minerals and rocks in our everyday lives 	Students will Investigate minerals and rocks in labs. Investigate the properties of minerals and types rocks in labs. Investigate the rock cycle in labs. Explain where minerals and rocks are used everyday.
November	Weathering & Soil	 I can explain how weathering breaks down or changes rock. I can explain what soil is and how it was created. 	Students will Demonstrate how rocks break down in labs. Experiment with different types of soil and show how soil breaks down and changes over time.
December	Plate Tectonics & Earth Dynamics	 I can talk about continental drift and Pangaea. I can compare and contrast the seafloor with the land above sea level. I can explain & demonstrate the theory of plate tectonics. 	Students will Demonstrate the theory of Plate Tectonics by recreating a play about it Investigate how the plates move and be able to explain the three types of plate boundaries.

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January	Earthquakes & Volcanoes Geologic Time	 I can understand what an earthquake is and how and why they occur. I can understand what a volcano is and how and why they occur. I can explain how we learn about Earth's past. I can talk about geologic history and the evolution of life. 	 Investigate earthquakes around the world and compare and contrast them. Investigate the Ring of Fire Explain and discuss how volcanoes form
	Weather & Climate	 I can talk about what Earth's atmosphere is made of. I can describe the different layers of the atmosphere. I can describe what weather is and what drives weather patterns. I can describe different kinds of severe weather. I can explain the difference between weather and climate. 	 Investigate air pressure Be able to explain the different layers of Earth's atmosphere Investigate how air circulates around the Earth Be able to explain and describe weather and weather patterns Investigate the different types of climates and compare and contrast them
February	Earth's Water	 I can understand why water is important to life. I can explain how water is cycled and distributed on Earth. I can explain why water quality is important and how we test and monitor it. 	Students will Research the water cycle and investigate why water is important to everyday life Put together a project showing the water cycle
March	Oceans & Freshwater	 I can explain what the ocean floor looks like. I can explain why the oceans are salty. I can talk about the major types of ocean currents. I can talk about the different zones of the oceans and what type of animals that in the zones. I can explain where we get most of our freshwater and how human impact is affecting the freshwater 	Investigate the differences between oceans and freshwater. Research the different layers of the sea floor and what lives in each layer Discuss how ocean currents affect weather and climate Discuss where freshwater is found Investigate how human activities affect freshwater

April	Space Solar System	 I can explain how the Earth & our moon move. I can talk about the sun and eclipses. I can talk about the planets in our solar system. 	Students will Explain the different phases of the moon Investigate the solar system and prepare a project about the planets. Investigate the differences between the inner and outer planets.
May	Stars & Galaxies	 I can talk about the night sky. I can explain how stars form. I can talk about the Milky Way. 	Investigate the night sky during labs. Investigate why some stars are brighter than others.