

# First Grade 2020 Science Unit #3: Light

Content Area: **Science**  
Course(s): **Science 1, Generic Course**  
Time Period: **Marking Period 2**  
Length: **Approximately 6-8 weeks**  
Status: **Published**

## Established Goals/Standards

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CAEP.9.2.4.A.1	Identify reasons why people work, different types of work, and how work can help a person achieve personal and professional goals.
CAEP.9.2.4.A.2	Identify various life roles and civic and work - related activities in the school, home, and community.
CAEP.9.2.4.A.3	Investigate both traditional and nontraditional careers and relate information to personal likes and dislikes.
1-PS4-4	Use tools and materials to design and build a device that uses light or sound to solve the problem of communicating over a distance.
1-PS4-3	Plan and conduct an investigation to determine the effect of placing objects made with different materials in the path of a beam of light.
1-PS4-2.PS4.B	Electromagnetic Radiation
1-PS4-3.PS4.B.1	Some materials allow light to pass through them, others allow only some light through and others block all the light and create a dark shadow on any surface beyond them, where the light cannot reach. Mirrors can be used to redirect a light beam. (Boundary: The idea that light travels from place to place is developed through experiences with light sources, mirrors, and shadows, but no attempt is made to discuss the speed of light.)
1-PS4-2.PS4.B.1	Objects can be seen if light is available to illuminate them or if they give off their own light.
1-PS4-4.PS4.C	Information Technologies and Instrumentation
1-PS4-4.PS4.C.1	People also use a variety of devices to communicate (send and receive information) over long distances.

## Essential Questions

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- How can light be redirected?
- How do materials block light?
- How does light help us see?
- How does light travel?
- What are some devices with light used to communicate (send and receive information) over long distances?

## Enduring Understanding

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- If light is available to illuminate objects, we can see them. We can also see objects that give off their own light.
- Light travels in a straight line until it hits an object. When light hits an object, different things can

happen. The light can pass through, be taken in, or bounce back.

- Mirrors can be used to redirect a light beam.
- Some materials allow light to pass through them, others allow only some light through them, and others block all the light and create a dark shadow on any surface beyond them.
- Traffic lights, flashing police lights, and a lighthouse are some devices used to communicate with light over distances.

## **Content**

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Student will be able to

- observe how light is necessary to see an object
- observe how light passes through objects and develop an understanding of transparent, translucent, and opaque objects
- explore how shadows are made
- explore how light travels, including how it can be reflected or redirected.
- explore how people use light to communicate

## **Assessment**

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End of Unit Assessment given by printed version or online version using the following:

teacher Assessment book

HMHCO.com online assessments

Also, assessments given throughout each unit using self checks, unit reviews at end of each unit in student workbooks, during labs.

## **Resources**

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HMC Science Dimensions Teacher's Guide

HMC Non-Fiction leveled readers

Science kits materials for Units 1-6

HMC Science Dimensions Student workbooks

HMC online component for students and teachers (ED) (HMHCO.com) which includes online version of units, videos, assessments, downloadable worksheets, projects, and hands-on activities.

Teacher Assessment Book (also on HMHCO.com)

Evidence Notebooks

You Tube

Mystery Science

Science Spin

Non-Fiction Books from school library

Scholastic News First Grade Level

Mailbox Magazine activities

Teacher's Helper activities

weekly STEM activities

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