

Swedesboro-Woolwich School District's Science Curriculum Guidance Document

Grade 1 - Unit 1 - Day and Night Patterns

Mission Statement

The primary goal of the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District is to prepare each student with the real life skills needed to compete in a highly competitive global economy. This will be achieved by providing a comprehensive curriculum, the integration of technology, and the professional services of a competent and dedicated faculty, administration, and support staff.

Guiding this mission will be Federal mandates, including No Child Left Behind, the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards, and local initiatives addressing the individual needs of our students as determined by the Board of Education. The diverse resources of the school district, which includes a caring PTO and active adult community, contribute to a quality school system. They serve an integral role in supporting positive learning experiences that motivate, challenge and inspire children to learn.

Unit/Module Overview

- In this unit of study, students make observations of the Sun and shadows throughout the day and across the seasons. Students explore the Moon and stars. Students will observe and record the appearance of the Moon to determine its cyclical pattern. They will determine why stars are only visible at night. The crosscutting concepts of patterns, cause and effect, interdependence of science, engineering, and technology, and the influence of engineering, technology, and science on society and the natural world are called out as organizing concepts for the disciplinary core ideas. Students are expected to demonstrate age appropriate proficiency in asking questions, analyzing and interesting data, and obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information. Students are also expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas. Students will also be introduced to the Philadelphia Zoo UNLESS contest for the year and discuss the impacts environmental issues can have on wildlife.

Standards Covered in Current Unit/Module

Related Standards and Learning Goals

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- 1-ESS1-2 Make observations at different times of year to relate the amount of daylight to the time of year.
- 1-ESS1-1 Use observations of the sun, moon, and stars to describe patterns that can be predicted.

Disciplinary Core Ideas

- ESS1.A: The Universe and its Stars
 - Patterns of the motion of the sun, moon, and stars in the sky can be observed, described, and predicted. (1-ESS1-1)
- ESS1.B: Earth and the Solar System
 - seasonal patterns of sunrise and sunset can be observed, described, and predicted. (1-ESS1-2)

Science and Engineering Practices

- Planning and Carrying Out Investigations
 - Make observations (firsthand or from media) to collect data that can be used to make comparisons. (1-ESS1-2)
- Analyzing and Interpreting Data
 - Use observations (firsthand or from media) to describe patterns in the natural world in order to answer scientific questions. (1-ESS1-1)

Crosscutting Concepts

- Patterns
 - Patterns in the natural world can be observed, used to describe phenomena, and used as evidence. (1-ESS1-1, 1-ESS1-2)
- Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems
 - Science assumes natural events happen today as they happened in the past. (1-ESS1-1)
 - Many events are repeated. (1-ESS1-1)

Learning Targets	Essential Questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can observe the sun, moon, and stars to describe patterns that can be predicted. • I can make observations at different times of the year to relate the amount of daylight and darkness. • I can understand shadows and their movements. • I can understand what it takes to get a stationary object's shadow to move. • I can explore why a shadow changes over the course of a day at the beach. • I can create a model of the sun's daily path across the sky. • I can understand why the sun stays up longer on certain days. • I can observe and predict the location of the sun in the sky at different 	<p>What patterns of change can be predicted when observing the sun, moon, and stars?</p> <p>What is the relationship between the amount of daylight and the time of year?</p>

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times of the days.

- I can predict why the moon changes.
- I can explore different shapes of the moon on different nights.
- I can investigate why stars are visible at night and disappear during the day.
- I can predict when the sun, moon, and stars will be visible in the sky using knowledge over the unit.

Unit/Module Weekly Learning Activities and Pacing Guide

Topic & # Days	NJ Standards	Critical Knowledge & Skills	Possible Resources & Activities
Unit 1 Day and Night Patterns 1 day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use observations of the sun, moon, and stars to describe patterns that can be predicted. [Clarification Statement: Examples of patterns could include that the sun and moon appear to rise in one part of the sky, move across the sky, and set; and stars other than our sun are visible at night but not during the day.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment of star patterns is limited to stars being seen at night and not during the day.] (1-ESS1-1) 2. Make observations at different times of year to relate the amount of daylight to the time of year. 	<p>Obj. We are learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targets Listed Above <p>Suggested Formative Assessment(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anecdotal notes during whole group , small group and individual Conferences Sharing Strategies Turn and Talk Lab Activities Lesson Assessments Teacher Observation and Feedback Open-ended responses Unit Assessments Individual and Group Assessments Class Participation in skill development Performance Task Mystery Science Formative Assessments Mystery Science Summative Assessments BrainPop Jr. Philadelphia UNLESS Contest Student Participation Teacher Observations 	<p>Resources and Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anchor Phenomenon: Sun, Shadows, & Daily Patterns <p>Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mystery Science Lessons Read Alouds Cross Cut Weather Reading Activities Mystery Labs Additional Hands on Activities Teacher Devised or Created Worksheets

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	<p>[Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on relative comparisons of the amount of daylight in the winter to the amount in the spring or fall.]</p> <p>[Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to relative amounts of daylight, not quantifying the hours or time of daylight.] (1-ESS1-2)</p>		
<p>Unit 1 Day and Night Patterns</p> <p>4 days</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as above 	<p>Obj. We are learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targets Listed Above <p>Suggested Formative Assessment(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anecdotal notes during whole group , small group and individual • Conferences • Sharing Strategies • Turn and Talk • Lab Activities • Lesson Assessments • Teacher Observation and Feedback • Open-ended responses • Unit Assessments • Individual and Group Assessments • Class Participation in skill development • Performance Task • Mystery Science Formative Assessments • Mystery Science Summative Assessments • BrainPop Jr. • Philadelphia UNLESS Contest • Student Participation • Teacher Observations 	<p>Resources and Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson 1: • Could a statue's shadow move? <p>Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mystery Science Lessons • Read Alouds • Cross Cut Weather Reading Activities • Mystery Labs • Additional Hands on Activities • Teacher Devised or Created Worksheets
<p>Unit 1 Day and Night Patterns</p> <p>3 days</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as above 	<p>Obj. We are learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targets Listed Above <p>Suggested Formative Assessment(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anecdotal notes during whole group , small group and individual 	<p>Resources and Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read-Along Lesson 2: • What does your shadow do when you're

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conferences • Sharing Strategies • Turn and Talk • Lab Activities • Lesson Assessments • Teacher Observation and Feedback • Open-ended responses • Unit Assessments • Individual and Group Assessments • Class Participation in skill development • Performance Task • Mystery Science Formative Assessments • Mystery Science Summative Assessments • BrainPop Jr. • Philadelphia UNLESS Contest • Student Participation • Teacher Observations 	<p>not looking?</p> <p>Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mystery Science Lessons • Read Alouds • Cross Cut Weather Reading Activities • Mystery Labs • Additional Hands on Activities • Teacher Devised or Created Worksheets
<p>Unit 1 Day and Night Patterns</p> <p>4 days</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as above 	<p>Obj. We are learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targets Listed Above <p>Suggested Formative Assessment(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anecdotal notes during whole group , small group and individual • Conferences • Sharing Strategies • Turn and Talk • Lab Activities • Lesson Assessments • Teacher Observation and Feedback • Open-ended responses • Unit Assessments • Individual and Group Assessments • Class Participation in skill development • Performance Task • Mystery Science Formative Assessments • Mystery Science Summative Assessments • BrainPop Jr. • Philadelphia UNLESS Contest • Student Participation 	<p>Resources and Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson 3: • How can the Sun help you if you're lost? <p>Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mystery Science Lessons • Read Alouds • Cross Cut Weather Reading Activities • Mystery Labs • Additional Hands on Activities • Teacher Devised or Created Worksheets

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<p>Unit 1 Day and Night Patterns</p> <p>4 days</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Observations <p>Obj. We are learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targets Listed Above <p>Suggested Formative Assessment(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anecdotal notes during whole group , small group and individual • Conferences • Sharing Strategies • Turn and Talk • Lab Activities • Lesson Assessments • Teacher Observation and Feedback • Open-ended responses • Unit Assessments • Individual and Group Assessments • Class Participation in skill development • Performance Task • Mystery Science Formative Assessments • Mystery Science Summative Assessments • BrainPop Jr. • Philadelphia UNLESS Contest • Student Participation • Teacher Observations 	<p>Resources and Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read-Along Lesson 4: • Why do you have to go to bed early in the summer? • Performance Task: • Where will the Sun be tomorrow? <p>Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mystery Science Lessons • Read Alouds • Cross Cut Weather Reading Activities • Mystery Labs • Additional Hands on Activities • Teacher Devised or Created Worksheets
<p>Unit 1 Day and Night Patterns</p> <p>5 days</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as above 	<p>Obj. We are learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targets Listed Above <p>Suggested Formative Assessment(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anecdotal notes during whole group , small group and individual • Conferences • Sharing Strategies • Turn and Talk • Lab Activities • Lesson Assessments • Teacher Observation and Feedback • Open-ended responses • Unit Assessments • Individual and Group Assessments 	<p>Resources and Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson 1: • When can you see the full moon? <p>Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mystery Science Lessons • Read Alouds • Cross Cut Weather Reading Activities • Mystery Labs • Additional Hands on Activities • Teacher Devised or Created Worksheets

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Participation in skill development • Performance Task • Mystery Science Formative Assessments • Mystery Science Summative Assessments • BrainPop Jr. • Philadelphia UNLESS Contest • Student Participation • Teacher Observations 	
<p>Unit 1 Day and Night Patterns</p> <p>4 days</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as above 	<p>Obj. We are learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targets Listed Above <p>Suggested Formative Assessment(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anecdotal notes during whole group , small group and individual • Conferences • Sharing Strategies • Turn and Talk • Lab Activities • Lesson Assessments • Teacher Observation and Feedback • Open-ended responses • Unit Assessments • Individual and Group Assessments • Class Participation in skill development • Performance Task • Mystery Science Formative Assessments • Mystery Science Summative Assessments • BrainPop Jr. • Philadelphia UNLESS Contest • Student Participation • Teacher Observations 	<p>Resources and Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson 2: • Why do the stars come out at night? <p>Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mystery Science Lessons • Read Alouds • Cross Cut Weather Reading Activities • Mystery Labs • Additional Hands on Activities • Teacher Devised or Created Worksheets
<p>Unit 1 Day and Night Patterns</p> <p>4 days</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as above 	<p>Obj. We are learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targets Listed Above <p>Suggested Formative Assessment(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anecdotal notes during whole group , small group and individual • Conferences • Sharing Strategies 	<p>Resources and Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read-Along Lesson 3: • How can stars help you if you get lost? • Performance Task: When can we see

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn and Talk • Lab Activities • Lesson Assessments • Teacher Observation and Feedback • Open-ended responses • Unit Assessments • Individual and Group Assessments • Class Participation in skill development • Performance Task • Mystery Science Formative Assessments • Mystery Science Summative Assessments • BrainPop Jr. • Philadelphia UNLESS Contest • Student Participation • Teacher Observations 	<p>the Sun, Moon, and stars?</p> <p>Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mystery Science Lessons • Read Alouds • Cross Cut Weather Reading Activities • Mystery Labs • Additional Hands on Activities • Teacher Devised or Created Worksheets
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Interdisciplinary Connections	Career Ready, Life Literacies, and Key Skills
<p>NJSLS ELA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.1.7 Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of “how-to” books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions). (1-ESS1-1, 1-ESS1-2) • W.1.8 With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (1-ESS1-1, 1-ESS1-2) <p>NJSLS Math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (1-ESS1-2) • MP.4 Model with mathematics. (1-ESS1-2) • MP.5 Use appropriate tools strategically. (1-ESS1-2) • 1.OA.A.1 Use addition and subtraction within 20 to solve word problems involving situations of adding to, taking from, putting together, taking apart, and comparing, with unknowns in all positions, e.g., by using objects, drawings, and equations to represent the problem. (1-ESS1-2) 	<p>TECH.9.4.2.CI.1 Demonstrate openness to new ideas and perspectives (e.g., 1.1.2.CR1a, 2.1.2.EH.1, 6.1.2.CivicsCM.2).</p> <p>TECH.9.4.2.CI.2 Demonstrate originality and inventiveness in work (e.g., 1.3A.2CR1a).</p> <p>TECH.9.4.2.CT.1 Gather information about an issue, such as climate change, and collaboratively brainstorm ways to solve the problem (e.g., K-2-ETS1-1, 6.3.2.GeoGI.2).</p> <p>TECH.9.4.2.CT.2 Identify possible approaches and resources to execute a plan (e.g., 1.2.2.CR1b, 8.2.2.ED.3).</p> <p>TECH.9.4.2.CT.3 Use a variety of types of thinking to solve problems (e.g., inductive, deductive).</p> <p>TECH.9.4.2.IML.3 Use a variety of sources including multimedia sources to find information about topics such as climate change, with guidance and support from adults (e.g., 6.3.2.GeoGI.2, 6.1.2.HistorySE.3, W.2.6, 1-LSI-2).</p>

- 1.MD.C.4 Organize, represent, and interpret data with up to three categories; ask and answer questions about the total number of data points, how many in each category, and how many more or less are in one category than in another. (1-ESS1-2)

English Language Arts/Literacy

In this unit of study, students need opportunities to participate in shared research and writing projects about patterns of change in the sky. For example, students can use online resources or books to research the patterns of change that are visible over time when we observe the objects in the sky. With guidance from adults, students could create books that describe and illustrate the different patterns of change observed in objects in the sky. They could also describe and illustrate the relative amount of daylight in relation to the season using a sequence of journal entries or in a sequence-of-events foldable.

Mathematics

Students need opportunities to represent and interpret data and to use addition and subtraction. The following examples from NGSS Appendix L could provide guidance for instruction and should be done with teacher support:

- Science example 1: There were 16 hours of daylight yesterday. On December 21, there were 8 hours of daylight. How many more hours of daylight were there yesterday than on December 21?
- Science example 2: Based on the data collected and posted on the bulletin board so far, which day has been the longest of the year so far? Which day has been the shortest?

Climate Change

Students will learn about the Philadelphia Zoo UNLESS Contest. They will discuss how their school is participating, ways they can support the cause, and how the project will address an environmental issue that is impacting wildlife.

[Link to Additional Components including Cross Curricular Connections, Accommodations, Assessments, Etc](#)

[ELA Enduring Understanding Statements](#)