

# Growth, Development, and Reproduction of Organisms

Content Area: **Science**  
Course(s): **Science 6**  
Time Period: **February**  
Length: **5 weeks**  
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## **Growth, Development, and Reproduction of Organism Overview**

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Over a 5 week period, Students use data and conceptual models to understand how the environment and genetic factors determine the growth of an individual organism. They connect this idea to the role of animal behaviors in animal reproduction and to the dependence of some plants on animal behaviors for their reproduction. Students provide evidence to support their understanding of the structures and behaviors that increase the likelihood of successful reproduction by organisms.

## **Growth, Development, and Reproduction of Organisms Priority Standards**

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SCI.MS-LS1-4	Use argument based on empirical evidence and scientific reasoning to support an explanation for how characteristic animal behaviors and specialized plant structures affect the probability of successful reproduction of animals and plants respectively.
SCI.MS-LS1-5	Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how environmental and genetic factors influence the growth of organisms.

## **Growth, Development, and Reproduction of Organisms Learning Goals**

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- Students will be able to construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how environmental and genetic factors influence the growth of organisms.
- Students will be able to use empirical evidence and scientific reasoning to explain how characteristic animal behaviors and specialized plant structures affect the probability of successful reproduction of animals and plants respectively.

## **Growth, Development, and Reproduction of Organisms Learning Targets**

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- Students will be able to identify an animal behavior specific to reproduction and/or survival.
- Students will be able to identify plant characteristics specific to reproduction.
- Students will be able to recognize and recall examples of environmental factors that influence the growth of organisms.
- Students will be able to recognize and recall examples of genetic factors that influence the growth of organisms.
- Students will be able to summarize why reproduction is essential in ecosystems.
- Students will recognize or recall specific vocabulary, including: reproduction, germination, pollinator, offspring, trait, mating, courtship behavior.
- Students will recognize or recall specific vocabulary, including: genetics, genes, organism.

## **Growth, Development, and Reproduction of Organisms Essential Questions**

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- How do characteristic animal behaviors and specialized plant structures affect the probability of successful reproduction of animals and plants, respectively?
- How do specialized plant structures affect successful reproduction?

## **21st Century Themes**

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CRP.K-12.CRP2	Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
CRP.K-12.CRP4	Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.
CRP.K-12.CRP5	Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.
CRP.K-12.CRP6	Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
CRP.K-12.CRP7	Employ valid and reliable research strategies.
CRP.K-12.CRP8	Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
CRP.K-12.CRP11	Use technology to enhance productivity.
CRP.K-12.CRP12	Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence.

## **Marzano Elements**

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- Communicating High Expectations for Each Student to Close the Achievement Gap
- Establishing & Acknowledging Adherence to Rules & Procedures
- Establishing & Maintaining Effective Relationships in a Student Centered Classroom
- Helping Students Engage in Cognitively Complex Tasks
- Helping Students Examine Similarities & Differences
- Helping Students Examine their Reasoning
- Helping Students Practice Strategies, Skills, & Processes
- Helping Students Process New Content
- Helping Students Revise Knowledge
- Identifying Critical Content from the Standards
- Organizing Students to Interact with Contact
- Previewing New Content
- Providing Feedback & Celebrating Success
- Reviewing Content
- Using Engagement Strategies
- Using Formative Assessment to Track Progress
- Using Questions to Help Students Elaborate on Content

## **Differentiated Instruction**

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- Have individual students explain content understanding in their own words
- Use a variety of visual aids to help student understanding
- Use different teaching styles to introduce, explain, and reinforce content understanding
- Use small groups to check for understanding.

## Assessments

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- Do Now Activities
- MS-LS1-4 Learning Scale
- MS-LS1-5 Learning Scale
- Teacher-created quizzes
- Teacher-created worksheet
- Unit Benchmark Assessment

## Learning Plan

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Week	Topic	Lesson Activities	Standard/Learning Goal/Target	Materials
		Do Now Activities (Warm up)	<b>Standard:</b>	
		Review Power Point slides from online information together.	Use argument based on empirical evidence and scientific reasoning to support an explanation for	
		Show videos from You Tube on Growth, Development & Reproduction of Organisms	how characteristic animal behaviors and specialized plant structures affect the probability of	Power Point slides
Wk 1	Growth, Development, and Reproduction	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y3ym8sEL8hI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y3ym8sEL8hI</a>	successful reproduction of animals and plants respectively.	Chrome book
Wk 2	of Organisms	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNqiclBUxdY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNqiclBUxdY</a>		Videos
		<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fVfV5LMXh2s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fVfV5LMXh2s</a>	<b>Learning Goals:</b> Students will be able to use empirical evidence and scientific reasoning to explain how	Worksheets
		<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1Ib0-B1BKU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1Ib0-B1BKU</a>	characteristic animal behaviors affect the probability of	

Assign student worksheets.

successful animal reproduction.

Students will be able to use empirical evidence and scientific reasoning to explain how specialized plant structures affect the probability of successful plant reproduction.

**Learning Targets:**

Students will be able to use empirical evidence such as nest building to protect young from cold, herding of animals to protect young from predators, and animal vocalization and plumage to attract mates to explain how characteristic animal behaviors affect the probability of successful animal reproduction.

Students will be able to use empirical evidence such as bright flowers attracting butterflies that transfer pollen, flower nectar and odors that attract insects that transfer pollen to explain how specialized plant structures affect the probability of

successful plant reproduction.

**Standard:**

Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how environmental and genetic factors influence the growth of organisms.

Do Now Activities (Warm up)

**Learning Goals:**

Review Power Point slides from online information together.

Students will be able to construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how environmental factors influence the growth of organisms.

Power Point slides

Wk 3 Growth, Development, and Reproduction  
- and  
Wk 4 of Organisms

Show video from You Tube on Growth, Development, Reproduction of Organisms:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=5eTCZ9L834s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5eTCZ9L834s)

Chrome book

Students will work collaboratively to construct an explanation on the influence of environmental factors affecting growth of organisms.

Students will be able to construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how environmental factors influence the growth of organisms.

Videos

Worksheets

Assign student worksheets.

**Learning Target:**

Students will be able to use evidence such as availability of food, light, space, and water to construct a scientific explanation

for how environmental factors influence the growth of organisms.

Students will be able to use evidence such as large breed cattle and species of grass affecting growth to construct a scientific explanation for how genetic factors influence the growth of organisms.

**Standard:**

Construct and present arguments using evidence to support the claim that gravitational interactions are attractive and depend on the masses of interacting objects.

Power Point slides

Chrome book

Open-note quiz

**Learning Goal:**

Students will be able to construct and present arguments using evidence to support the claim that gravitational interactions are attractive and depend on the masses of interacting objects

Standards-based assessment

List of Review Topics

Learning Scales:

**Learning Target:**

Students will be able to utilize an informational chart

MS-LS1-4

MS-LS1-5

Do Now Activities (Warm up)

Complete a list of review topics in preparation for unit assessment.

Complete an open-note quiz.

Complete a standards review worksheet.

Complete a Unit learning scale on.

Complete a standards-based assessment.

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interactions to  
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