GRADE 1

First-grade students continue to be eager learners who are curious about their world. This inquisitive nature leads them to ask a variety of questions that deepen understanding. Students are developing social skills that enable them to interact in inquiry-based and cooperative-learning opportunities. Students begin to take ownership of their learning experiences by making connections through meaningful investigations.

Students in Grade 1 learn disciplinary core ideas from the three scientific domains of Physical, Life, and Earth and Space Sciences while demonstrating their learning in the context of the content standards for this grade level. In Physical Science, students conduct experiments to discover the properties of light and sound waves. In Life Science, students determine similarities between parents and their offspring and how organisms adapt to their environment. In Earth and Space Science, students continue to explore Earth's systems through observations of seasonal patterns as well as patterns in the day and night sky. The disciplinary core ideas of the Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science (ETS) domain are integrated within the content standards of the three science domains and are denoted with an asterisk (*).

Grade 1 content standards provide students with opportunities for appropriate investigation and observation of the world around them. Through guided participation in specific engineering design projects, they find answers regarding how to use light or sound to communicate and how humans can imitate plant or animal parts for survival or protection.

Grade 1: Waves: Light and Sound

(Waves and Their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer)

Students will:

- AL.1.1 Conduct experiments to provide evidence that vibrations of matter can create sound (e.g., striking a tuning fork, plucking a guitar string) and sound can make matter vibrate (e.g., holding a piece of paper near a sound system speaker, touching your throat while speaking).
- AL.1.2 Construct explanations from observations that objects can be seen only when light is available to illuminate them (e.g., moon being illuminated by the sun, colors and patterns in a kaleidoscope being illuminated when held toward a light).
- AL.1.3 Investigate materials to determine which types allow light to pass through (e.g., transparent materials such as clear plastic wrap), allow only partial light to pass through (e.g., translucent materials such as wax paper), block light (e.g., opaque materials such as construction paper), or reflect light (e.g., shiny materials such as aluminum foil).
- AL.1.4 Design and construct a device that uses light or sound to send a communication signal over a distance (e.g., using a flashlight and a piece of cardboard to simulate a signal lamp for sending a coded message to a classmate, using a paper cup and string to simulate a telephone for talking to a classmate).*

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 1-PS4-1 Plan and conduct investigations to provide evidence that vibrating materials can make sound and that sound can make materials vibrate. [Clarification Statement: Examples of vibrating materials that make sound could include tuning forks and plucking a stretched string. Examples of how sound can make matter vibrate could include holding a piece of paper near a speaker making sound and holding an object near a vibrating tuning fork.]
- 1-PS4-2 Make observations to construct an evidence-based account that objects in darkness can be seen only when illuminated. [Clarification Statement: Examples of observations could include those made in a completely dark room, a pinhole box, and a video of a cave explorer with a flashlight. Illumination could be from an external light source or by an object giving off its own light.]
- 1-PS4-3 Plan and conduct investigations to determine the effect of placing objects made with different materials in the path of a beam of light. [Clarification Statement: Examples of materials could include those that are transparent (such as clear plastic), translucent (such as wax paper), opaque (such as cardboard), and reflective (such as a mirror).] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the speed of light.]
- 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.* [Clarification Statement: Examples of devices could include a light source to send signals, paper cup and string "telephones," and a pattern of drum beats.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include technological details for how communication devices work.]

Grade 1: Waves: Light and Sound

(Waves and Their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer)

The performance expectations were developed using the following elements from the NRC document A Framework for K-12 Science Education:

Science and Engineering Practices

Planning and Carrying Out Investigations

Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in K-2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple investigations, based on fair tests, which provide data to support explanations or design solutions.

 Plan and conduct investigations collaboratively to produce evidence to answer a question. (1-PS4-1),(1-PS4-3)

Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions

Constructing explanations and designing solutions in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to the use of evidence and ideas in constructing evidence-based accounts of natural phenomena and designing solutions.

- Make observations (firsthand or from media) to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena. (1-PS4-2)
- <u>Use tools and materials provided to design a device</u> that solves a specific problem. (1-PS4-4)

Connections to Nature of Science

Scientific Investigations Use a Variety of Methods

- Science investigations begin with a question. (1-PS4-1)
- <u>Scientists use different ways to study the world. (1-PS4-1)</u>

Disciplinary Core Ideas

PS4.A: Wave Properties

- Sound can make matter vibrate, and vibrating matter can make sound. (1-PS4-1)
- PS4.B: Electromagnetic Radiation
- Objects can be seen if light is available to illuminate them or if they give off their own light. (1-PS4-2)
- 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-PS4-3)

PS4.C: Information Technologies and Instrumentation

 People also use a variety of devices to communicate (send and receive information) over long distances. (1-PS4-4)

Crosscutting Concepts

Cause and Effect

 Simple tests can be designed to gather evidence to support or refute student ideas about causes. (1-PS4-1),(1-PS4-2),(1-PS4-3)

Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science

Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science, on Society and the Natural World

 People depend on various technologies in their lives; human life would be very different without technology. (1-PS4-4)

Connections to other DCIs in first grade: N/A

Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels:

<u>K.ETS1.A</u> (1-PS4-4); <u>2.PS1.A</u> (1-PS4-3); <u>2.ETS1.B</u> (1-PS4-4); <u>4.PS4.B</u> (1-PS4-4); <u>4.PS4.C</u> (1-PS4-4); <u>4.ETS1.A</u> (1-PS4-1)

Common Core State Standards Connections:

ELA/Literacy —

W.1.2 Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of

<u>closure.</u> (1-PS4-2)

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-PS4-1),(1-PS4-2),(1-PS4-3),(1-PS4-4)

W.1.8 With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to

answer a question. (1-PS4-1),(1-PS4-2),(1-PS4-3)

SL.1.1 Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 1 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and

<u>larger groups.</u> (1-PS4-1),(1-PS4-2),(1-PS4-3)

Mathematics —

MP.5 <u>Use appropriate tools strategically.</u> (1-PS4-4)

1.MD.A.1 Order three objects by length; compare the lengths of two objects indirectly by using a third object. (1-PS4-4)

1.MD.A.2 Express the length of an object as a whole number of length units, by layering multiple copies of a shorter object.

Express the length of an object as a whole number of length units, by layering multiple copies of a shorter object (the length unit) end to end; understand that the length measurement of an object is the number of same-size length units that span it with no gaps or overlaps. Limit to contexts where the object being measured is spanned by a whole number of length units with no

gaps or overlaps. (1-PS4-4)

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Grade 1: Structure, Function, and Information Processing

(From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes)

(Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits)

Students will:

- AL.1.5 Design a solution to a human problem by using materials to imitate how plants and/or animals use their external parts to help them survive, grow, and meet their needs (e.g., outerwear imitating animal furs for insulation, gear mimicking tree bark or shells for protection).*
- AL.1.6 Obtain information to provide evidence that parents and their offspring engage in patterns of behavior that help the offspring survive (e.g., crying of offspring indicating need for feeding, quacking or barking by parents indicating protection of young).
- AL.1.7 Make observations to identify the similarities and differences of offspring to their parents and to other members of the same species (e.g., flowers from the same kind of plant being the same shape, but differing in size; dog being same breed as parent, but differing in fur color or pattern).

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 1-LS1-1 Use materials to design a solution to a human problem by mimicking how plants and/or animals use their external parts to help them survive, grow, and meet their needs.* [Clarification Statement: Examples of human problems that can be solved by mimicking plant or animal solutions could include designing clothing or equipment to protect bicyclists by mimicking turtle shells, acorn shells, and animal scales; stabilizing structures by mimicking animal tails and roots on plants; keeping out intruders by mimicking thorns on branches and animal quills; and, detecting intruders by mimicking eyes and ears.]
- 1-LS1-2 Read texts and use media to determine patterns in behavior of parents and offspring that help offspring survive. [Clarification Statement: Examples of patterns of behaviors could include the signals that offspring make (such as crying, cheeping, and other vocalizations) and the responses of the parents (such as feeding, comforting, and protecting the offspring).]
- 1-LS3-1 Make observations to construct an evidence-based account that young plants and animals are like, but not exactly like, their parents. [Clarification Statement: Examples of patterns could include features plants or animals share. Examples of observations could include leaves from the same kind of plant are the same shape but can differ in size; and, a particular breed of dog looks like its parents but is not exactly the same.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include inheritance or animals that undergo metamorphosis or hybrids.]

Grade 1: Structure, Function, and Information Processing

(From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes)

(Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits)

The performance expectations were developed using the following elements from the NRC document A Framework for K-12 Science Education:

Science and Engineering Practices

<u>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</u>

Constructing explanations and designing solutions in K-2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to the use of evidence and ideas in constructing evidence-based accounts of natural phenomena and designing solutions.

- Make observations (firsthand or from media) to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena. (1-LS3-1)
- <u>Use materials to design a device that</u> <u>solves a specific problem or a solution to</u> <u>a specific problem. (1-LS1-1)</u>

Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information

Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in K–2 builds on prior experiences and uses observations and texts to communicate new information.

 Read grade-appropriate texts and use media to obtain scientific information to determine patterns in the natural world. (1-LS1-2)

Connections to Nature of Science

Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence

 Scientists look for patterns and order when making observations about the world. (1-LS1-2)

Disciplinary Core Ideas

LS1.A: Structure and Function

All organisms have external parts. Different
animals use their body parts in different ways
to see, hear, grasp objects, protect themselves,
move from place to place, and seek, find, and
take in food, water and air. Plants also have
different parts (roots, stems, leaves, flowers,
fruits) that help them survive and grow. (1LS1-1)

LS1.B: Growth and Development of Organisms

 Adult plants and animals can have young. In many kinds of animals, parents and the offspring themselves engage in behaviors that help the offspring to survive. (1-LS1-2)

LS1.D: Information Processing

 Animals have body parts that capture and convey different kinds of information needed for growth and survival. Animals respond to these inputs with behaviors that help them survive. Plants also respond to some external inputs. (1-LS1-1)

LS3.A: Inheritance of Traits

 Young animals are very much, but not exactly like, their parents. Plants also are very much, but not exactly, like their parents. (1-LS3-1)

LS3.B: Variation of Traits

 Individuals of the same kind of plant or animal are recognizable as similar but can also vary in many ways. (1-LS3-1)

Crosscutting Concepts

Patterns

 Patterns in the natural and human designed world can be observed, used to describe phenomena, and used as evidence. (1-LS1-2),(1-LS3-1)

Structure and Function

• The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s). (1-LS1-1)

Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science

Influence of Science, Engineering and Technology on Society and the Natural World

 Every human-made product is designed by applying some knowledge of the natural world and is built using materials derived from the natural world. (1-LS1-1)

Connections to other DCIs in first grade: N/A

Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels:

<u>K.ETS1.A</u>(1-LS1-1); <u>3.LS2.D</u>(1-LS1-2); <u>3.LS3.A</u>(1-LS3-1); <u>4.LS1.A</u>(1-LS1-1); <u>4.LS1.D</u>(1-LS1-1); <u>4.ETS1.A</u>(1-LS1-1)

Common Core State Standards Connections:

ELA/Literacy -

<u>RI.1.1</u> <u>Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.</u> (1-LS1-2),(1-LS3-1)

RI.1.2 Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text. (1-LS1-2)

RI.1.10 With prompting and support, read informational texts appropriately complex for grade. (1-LS1-2)

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-LS1-1),(1-LS3-1)

W.1.8 With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided

sources to answer a question. (1-LS3-1)

Grade 1: Structure, Function, and Information Processing

(From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes)

(Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits)

Mathematics -	
MP.2 MP.5	Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (1-LS3-1)
	Use appropriate tools strategically. (1-LS3-1)
1.NBT.B.3	Compare two two-digit numbers based on the meanings of the tens and one digits, recording the results of comparisons with the
	$\underline{\text{symbols}} >$, =, and <. (1-LS1-2)
1.NBT.C.4	Add within 100, including adding a two-digit number and a one-digit number, and adding a two-digit number and a multiple of 10,
	using concrete models or drawings and strategies based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationship between
	addition and subtraction; relate the strategy to a written method and explain the reasoning uses. Understand that in adding two-
	digit numbers, one adds tens and tens, ones and ones; and sometimes it is necessary to compose a ten. (1-LS1-2)
1.NBT.C.5	Given a two-digit number, mentally find 10 more or 10 less than the number, without having to count; explain the reasoning
	<u>used.</u> (1-LS1-2)
1.NBT.C.6	Subtract multiples of 10 in the range 10-90 from multiples of 10 in the range 10-90 (positive or zero differences), using concrete
	models or drawings and strategies based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationship between addition and
	subtraction; relate the strategy to a written method and explain the reasoning used. (1- LS1-2)
1.MD.A.1	Order three objects by length; compare the lengths of two objects indirectly by using a third object. (1-LS3-1)

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Grade 1: Space Systems: Patterns and Cycles

(Earth's Place in the Universe)

Students will:

AL.1.8 - Observe, describe, and predict patterns of the sun, moon, and stars as they appear in the sky (e.g., sun and moon appearing to rise in one part of the sky, move across the sky, and set; stars other than our sun being visible at night, but not during the day).

AL.1.9 - Observe seasonal patterns of sunrise and sunset to describe the relationship between the number of hours of daylight and the time of year (e.g., more hours of daylight during summer as compared to winter).

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- **1-ESS1-1 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-ESS1-2** Make observations at different times of year to relate the amount of daylight to the time of year. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on relative comparisons of the amount of daylight in the winter to the amount in the spring or fall.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to relative amounts of daylight, not quantifying the hours or time of daylight.]

Grade 1: Space Systems: Patterns and Cycles

(Earth's Place in the Universe)

The performance expectations were developed using the following elements from the NRC document A Framework for K-12 Science Education:

Science and Engineering

Practices

<u>Planning and Carrying Out</u> Investigations

Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in K-2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple investigations, based on fair tests, which provide data to support explanations or design solutions.

 Make observations (firsthand or from media) to collect data that can be used to make comparisons. (1-ESS1-2)

Analyzing and Interpreting Data Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations.

 Use observations (firsthand or from media) to describe patterns in the natural world in order to answer scientific questions. (1-ESS1-1)

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)

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)

Connections to Nature of Science

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)

Connections to other DCIs in first grade: N/A

Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels:

<u>3.PS2.A</u> (1-ESS1-1); <u>5.PS2.B</u> (1-ESS1-1),(1-ESS1-2); <u>5.ESS1.B</u> (1-ESS1-1),(1-ESS1-2)

Common Core State Standards Connections:

ELA /Literacy -

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)

Mathematics —

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)

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)

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Grade 1: Engineering Design

(Engineering, technology, and science core disciplinary ideas are integrated into grade level science performance expectations.)

Students will:

- AL.1.4 Design and construct a device that uses light or sound to send a communication signal over a distance (e.g., using a flashlight and a piece of cardboard to simulate a signal lamp for sending a coded message to a classmate, using a paper cup and string to simulate a telephone for talking to a classmate).*
- AL.1.5 Design a solution to a human problem by using materials to imitate how plants and/or animals use their external parts to help them survive, grow, and meet their needs (e.g., outerwear imitating animal furs for insulation, gear mimicking tree bark or shells for protection).*

Students	who	demonstrate	understanding	can:

o demonstrate understanding can:		
Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change; to define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.		
Develop a simple sketch, drawing, or physical model to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function as needed to solve a given problem.		
Analyze data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths and weaknesses of how each performs.		

Grade 1: Engineering Design

(Engineering, technology, and science core disciplinary ideas are integrated into grade level science performance expectations.)

The performance expectations were developed using the following elements from the NRC document A Framework for K-12 Science Education:

Science and Engineering Practices

Asking Questions and Defining Problems

Asking questions and defining problems in K-2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple descriptive questions.

- Ask questions based on observations to find more information about the natural and/or designed world(s). (K-2-ETS1-1)
- Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool. (K-2-ETS1-1)

Developing and Using Models

Modeling in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to include using and developing models (i.e., diagram, drawing, physical replica, diorama, dramatization, or storyboard) that represent concrete events or design solutions.

 Develop a simple model based on evidence to represent a proposed object or tool. (K-2-ETS1-2)

Analyzing and Interpreting Data

Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations.

 Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended. (K-2-ETS1-3)

Disciplinary Core Ideas

ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems

- A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering. (K-2-ETS1-1)
- Asking questions, making observations, and gathering information are helpful in thinking about problems. (K-2-ETS1-1)
- Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly understand the problem. (K-2-ETS1-1)

ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions

 Designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models. These representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem's solutions to other people. (K-2-ETS1-2)

ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution

Because there is always more than one possible solution to a problem, it is useful to compare and test designs. (K-2-ETS1-3)

Crosscutting Concepts

Structure and Function

 The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s). (K-2-ETS1-2)

Connections to K-2-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems include:

Kindergarten: K-PS2-2, K-ESS3-2

Connections to K-2-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions to Problems include: Kindergarten: K-ESS3-3, First Grade: 1-PS4-4, Second Grade: 2-LS2-2

Connections to K-2-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution include:

Second Grade: 2-ESS2-1

Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels:

 $\underline{\textbf{3-5.ETS1.A}} \text{ (K-2-ETS1-2), (K-2-ETS1-2), (K-2-ETS1-3); } \underline{\textbf{3-5.ETS1.B}} \text{ (K-2-ETS1-2), (K-2-ETS1-3); } \underline{\textbf{3-5.ETS1.C}} \text{ (K$

Common Core State Standards Connections:

ELA/Literacy —

RI.2.1 Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.

(K-2-ETS1-1)

W.2.6 With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration

with peers. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)

W.2.8 Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-

ETS1-3)

SL.2.5 Create audio recordings of stories or poems; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when

appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings. (K-2-ETS1-2)

Mathematics —

MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)

MP.4 Model with mathematics. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)

<u>MP.5</u> <u>Use appropriate tools strategically.</u> (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)

2.MD.D.10 Draw a picture graph and a bar graph (with single-unit scale) to represent a data set with up to four categories. Solve simple put-

together, take-apart, and compare problems using information presented in a bar graph. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)

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