

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Grade K			
		Student Materials	Teacher Materials
(1) Scientific and engineering practices. The student asks questions, identifies problems, and plans and safely conducts classroom, laboratory, and field investigations to answer questions, explain phenomena, or design solutions using appropriate tools and models. The student is expected to:	(A) ask questions and define problems based on observations or information from text, phenomena, models, or investigations	Student Edition: 8–9, 12, 14, 56, 202, 212, 233, 248 Simulations: Terrarium Gazing Hands-On Investigations: Make a Noise Maker; Observe Light; Plenty of Plant Parts; Weather Out the Window; Wild World of Rocks	Teacher Edition: 8, 56, 62A–62B, 86A–86B, 120A–120B, 198B, 202, 212
	(B) use scientific practices to plan and conduct simple descriptive investigations and use engineering practices to design solutions to problems	Student Edition: 8–9, 12–13, 202 All Hands-On Investigations	Teacher Edition: 3E, 3N, 8, 14A, 14B, 49E, 116, 150A, 150B
	(C) identify, describe, and demonstrate safe practices during classroom and field investigations as outlined in Texas Education Agency-approved safety standards	Student Edition: 10 Hands-On Investigations: One Potato, Two Potato; Weather Watch; Blowing in the Wind; What Is in the Sky?; Plenty of Plant Parts; Life of a Lima Bean; Who Is Your Parent Plant?; Rock and Soil Hunt	Teacher Edition: 8, 10A–10B, 164A–164B
	(D) use tools, including hand lenses, goggles, trays, cups, bowls, sieves or sifters, notebooks, terrariums, aquariums, samples (rocks, sand, soil, loam, gravel, clay, seeds, and plants), windsock, demonstration thermometer, rain gauge, straws, ribbons, non-standard measuring items, blocks or cubes, tuning fork, various flashlights, small paper cups, items that roll, noise makers, hot plate, opaque objects, transparent objects, foil pie pans, foil muffin cups, wax paper, Sun-Moon-Earth model, and plant life cycle model to observe, measure, test, and compare	Student Edition: 10, 11, 80, 92, 104, 132, 133, 136, 153, 180, 210–211, 212, 234–235 All Hands-On Investigations	Teacher Edition: 3N, 8, 10A–10B, 74A–74B, 130A–130B
	(E) collect observations and measurements as evidence	Student Edition: 10, 11, 31, 42, 44, 53, 58, 64–65, 76–77, 88, 92, 99, 104, 114, 123, 142, 144, 146, 152, 158, 172, 204, 212, 226, 250 Simulations: Terrarium Gazing, The Healthy Rabbit Hands-On Investigations: One Potato, Two Potato; Bits and Pieces; Mystery Materials; Pick It Up; Observe Light; In the Shadows; Wild World of Rocks; Rock and Soil Hunt; Water Works; Weather Out the Window; Weather Watch; The Seasons I See; Blowing in the Wind; What Is in the Sky?; Night and Day; Plenty of Plant Parts; Life of a Lima Bean; Who Is Your Parent Plant?; Animal Parts	Teacher Edition: 8, 11, 25E, 37E, 40A–40B, 71E, 74A–74B, 96A–96B, 108A–108B, 120A–120B, 127E, 130A, 137E, 140A–140B, 161E, 173E, 185E, 208A–208B, 215E, 218A–218B, 229E, 244A–244B
	(F) record and organize data using pictures, numbers, words, symbols, and simple graphs	Student Edition: 9, 11, 16, 17, 44, 90, 134 Hands-On Investigations: Bits and Pieces; Mystery Materials; Pick It Up; Observe Light; In the Shadows; Wild World of Rocks; Rock and Soil Hunt; Water Works; Weather Out the Window; Weather Watch; The Seasons I See; Blowing in the Wind; What Is in the Sky?; Plenty of Plant Parts; Life of a Lima Bean; Who Is Your Parent Plant?; Animal Parts	Teacher Edition: 8, 17, 25E, 40A–40B, 44, 52A–52B, 74A–74B, 83E, 86A–86B, 93E, 96A–96B, 105E, 117E, 130B, 140A–140B, 147E, 185E, 188A–188B, 195E, 205E, 208A–208B, 215E, 218A–218B, 232A–232B, 244A–244B
	(G) develop and use models to represent phenomena, objects, and processes or design a prototype for a solution to a problem	Student Edition: 12–14, 22, 44, 56, 68, 69, 78, 79, 90, 113, 144, 145, 180, 192, 202, 203, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 225 Simulations: Terrarium Gazing, The Healthy Rabbit Hands-On Investigations: Make a Noise Maker; Blowing in the Wind; What Is in the Sky?; Night and Day; Life of a Lima Bean	Teacher Edition: 3E, 8, 14A–14B, 37E, 83E, 147E, 150A–150B, 164A–164B, 180, 188A–188B, 215E, 232A–232B

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(2) Scientific and engineering practices. The student analyzes and interprets data to derive meaning, identify features and patterns, and discover relationships or correlations to develop evidence-based arguments or evaluate designs. The student is expected to:	(A) identify basic advantages and limitations of models such as their size, properties, and materials	Student Edition: 14, 202 Simulations: Terrarium Gazing, The Healthy Rabbit Hands-On Investigation: Observe Light	Teacher Edition: 3E, 14, 202
	(B) analyze data by identifying significant features and patterns	Student Edition: 16, 17, 36, 90, 134, 136, 177, 182 Hands-On Investigations: Bits and Pieces; The Seasons I See; Night and Day; Who Is Your Parent Plant?	Teacher Edition: 17, 28A–28B, 90, 127E, 140A–140B, 173E
	(C) use mathematical concepts to compare two objects with common attributes	Student Edition: 11, 17, 90, 134 Hands-On Investigations: Wild World of Rocks; Who Is Your Parent Plant?	Teacher Edition: 11, 17, 90, 134
	(D) evaluate a design or object using criteria to determine if it works as intended	Student Edition: 12, 13, 124, 167, 179, 202 Simulations: Terrarium Gazing, The Healthy Rabbit Hands-On Investigations: Make a Noise Maker; Observe Light; Blowing in the Wind	Teacher Edition: 117E, 124, 150A–150B, 232A–232B
(3) Scientific and engineering practices. The student develops evidence-based explanations and communicates findings, conclusions, and proposed solutions. The student is expected to:	(A) develop explanations and propose solutions supported by data and models	Student Edition: 12, 13, 14, 53, 70, 76, 77, 90, 123, 126, 133, 134, 178, 180, 202, 212, 240 Simulations: Terrarium Gazing, The Healthy Rabbit Hands-On Investigations: One Potato, Two Potato; Make a Noise Maker; Bits and Pieces; Observe Light; Rock and Soil Hunt; The Seasons I See; Plenty of Plant Parts; Who Is Your Parent Plant?	Teacher Edition: 28A–28B, 62A–62B, 71E, 185E, 198B, 202, 205E
	(B) communicate explanations and solutions individually and collaboratively in a variety of settings and formats	Student Edition: 9, 11, 12, 14–16, 18, 21, 29, 31, 35, 42–43, 45, 52–53, 56, 57, 64, 68, 69, 76–77, 78, 79, 87–89, 90, 91, 99, 102, 103, 111, 112, 113, 122–123, 132, 134, 145, 152, 165–167, 170, 171, 176–179, 180, 181, 193, 195, 199, 203, 211, 213, 221, 224, 225, 233, 238, 239, 248, 249 Simulations: Terrarium Gazing, The Healthy Rabbit All Hands-On Investigations	Teacher Edition: 3N, 25E, 37E, 40A–40B, 49E, 59E, 62A–62B, 93E, 96A–96B, 105E, 117E, 137E, 161E, 164A–164B, 173E, 176A–176B, 185E, 195E, 205E, 229E, 241E, 248
	(C) listen actively to others' explanations to identify important evidence and engage respectfully in scientific discussion	Student Edition: 18, 22, 31, 33, 41, 52, 64, 76, 87, 88, 99, 111, 122, 212 Hands-On Investigations: Bits and Pieces; Pick It Up; Water Works; Weather Watch; The Seasons I See; Night and Day	Teacher Edition: 25E, 28A–28B, 49E, 52A–52B, 71E, 108A–108B, 127E, 137E, 161E, 173E, 176A–176B, 195E, 205E, 241E, 244A–244B
(4) Scientific and engineering practices. The student knows the contributions of scientists and recognizes the importance of scientific research and innovation on society. The student is expected to:	(A) explain how science or an innovation can help others	Student Edition: 3, 5–6, 12, 18, 67, 169, 222, 223, 237	Teacher Edition: 3E, 49E
	(B) identify scientists and engineers such as Isaac Newton, Mae Jemison, and Ynés Mexía and explore what different scientists and engineers do	Student Edition: 4–6, 8–9, 12–14, 18, 21–22, 32–34, 66–68, 168–170, 222–224, 236–238	Teacher Edition: 4–6, 8–9, 12–14, 18, 21–22, 32–34, 66–68, 168–170, 222–224, 236–238

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(5) Recurring themes and concepts. The student uses recurring themes and concepts to make connections across disciplines. The student is expected to:	(A) identify and use patterns to describe phenomena or design solutions	Student Edition: 19, 140–143, 178–179, 181–182, 208–211 Hands-On Investigations: Night and Day; Life of A Lima Bean; Who Is Your Parent Plant?	Teacher Edition: 138, 142, 174, 178, 206, 210, 216, 219, 220, 230, 234
	(B) investigate and predict cause-and-effect relationships in science	Student Edition: 19, 194 Hands-On Investigation: In the Shadows	Teacher Edition: 50, 53, 54, 72, 76, 77, 118, 122, 148, 152, 153
	(C) describe the properties of objects in terms of relative size (scale) and relative quantity	Student Edition: 19, 29, 31, 86, 90, 91–92, 134, 199, 219 Hands-On Investigations: Wild World of Rocks; Who Is Your Parent Plant?	Teacher Edition: 26, 31, 84, 87, 88
	(D) examine the parts of a whole to define or model a system	Student Edition: 20, 155–156, 198–201, 203–204, 244–247, 248, 249–250 Hands-On Investigations: Plenty of Plant Parts; Animal Parts	Teacher Edition: 8, 162, 166, 186, 190
	(E) identify forms of energy and properties of matter	Student Edition: 20, 62–65 Hands-On Investigations: Bits and Pieces; Mystery Materials; Pick It Up, Observe Light; In the Shadows; Wild World of Rocks	Teacher Edition: 38, 42, 43, 60, 63, 64
	(F) describe the relationship between the structure and function of objects, organisms, and systems	Student Edition: 20, 31, 74–77, 155–156, 198–201, 203–204, 244–247, 248, 249–250 Hands-On Investigations: Plenty of Plant Parts; Animal Parts	Teacher Edition: 94, 98–99, 106, 110, 196, 199–200, 242, 245–246
	(G) describe how factors or conditions can cause objects, organisms, and systems to either change or stay the same	Student Edition: 20, 130–133, 135–136, 140–143, 144, 145–146, 208–211 Hands-On Investigations: One Potato, Two Potato; Weather Watch; The Seasons I See; Blowing in the Wind; Life of a Lima Bean	Teacher Edition: 128, 131, 132
(6) Matter and its properties. The student knows that objects have physical properties that determine how they are described and classified. The student is expected to identify and record observable physical properties of objects, including shape, color, texture, and material, and generate ways to classify objects. The student is expected to:	(A) identify and record observable physical properties of objects, including shape, color, texture, and material, and generate ways to classify objects	Student Edition: 28–31, 32, 35–36, 40–43, 44, 45–46, 58 Hands-On Investigations: Bits and Pieces; Mystery Materials; Wild World of Rocks	Teacher Edition: 23H, 28–31, 32, 35–36, 40–43, 44, 45–46, 58
(7) Force, motion, and energy. The student knows that forces cause changes in motion and position in everyday life. The student is expected to describe and predict how a magnet interacts with various materials and how magnets can be used to push or pull.	(A) describe and predict how a magnet interacts with various materials and how magnets can be used to push or pull	Student Edition: 52–55, 57–58 Hands-On Investigation: Pick It Up	Teacher Edition: 52–55, 57–58
(8) Force, motion, and energy. The student knows that energy is everywhere and can be observed in everyday life. The student is expected to:	(A) communicate the idea that objects can only be seen when a light source is present and compare the effects of different amounts of light on the appearance of objects	Student Edition: 62–65, 66–68, 69–70 Hands-On Investigation: Observe Light	Teacher Edition: 47H, 62–65, 66–68, 69–70
	(B) demonstrate and explain that light travels through some objects and is blocked by other objects, creating shadows	Student Edition: 74–77, 78, 79–80 Hands-On Investigation: In the Shadows	Teacher Edition: 74–77, 78, 79–80

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(9) Earth and space. The student knows that there are recognizable patterns in the natural world and among objects in the sky. The student is expected to:	(A) identify, describe, and predict the patterns of day and night and their observable characteristics	Student Edition: 130, 176–179, 180, 181–182 Hands-On Investigation: Night and Day	Teacher Edition: 130, 159H, 176–179, 180, 181–182
	(B) observe, describe, and illustrate the Sun, Moon, stars, and objects in the sky such as clouds	Student Edition: 120–121, 125, 164–167, 171–172, 180 Hands-On Investigation: What Is in the Sky?	Teacher Edition: 120–121, 125, 164–167, 171–172, 180
(10) Earth and space. The student knows that the natural world includes earth materials and systems that can be observed. The student is expected to:	(A) describe and classify rocks by the observable properties of size, shape, color, and texture	Student Edition: 86–89, 90, 91–92 Hands-On Investigation: Wild World of Rocks	Teacher Edition: 81H, 86–89, 90, 91–92
	(B) observe and describe weather changes from day to day and over seasons	Student Edition: 120–123, 125–126, 130–133, 134, 135–136, 140–143, 144, 145–146 Hands-On Investigations: Weather Out the Window; Weather Watch; The Seasons I See	Teacher Edition: 115H, 120–123, 125–126, 130–133, 134, 135–136, 140–143, 144, 145–146
	(C) identify evidence that supports the idea that air is all around us and demonstrate that wind is moving air using items such as a windsock, pinwheel, or ribbon	Student Edition: 150–153, 157–158 Hands-On Investigation: Blowing in the Wind	Teacher Edition: 150–153, 157–158
(11) Earth and space. The student knows that earth materials are important to everyday life. The student is expected to observe and generate examples of practical uses for rocks, soil, and water.	(A) observe and generate examples of practical uses for rocks, soil, and water	Student Edition: 96–99, 100–102, 103–104, 108–111, 112, 113–114 Hands-On Investigations: Rock and Soil Hunt; Water Works	Teacher Edition: 96–99, 100–102, 103–104, 108–111, 112, 113–114
(12) Organisms and environments. The student knows that plants and animals depend on the environment to meet their basic needs for survival. The student is expected to:	(A) observe and identify the dependence of plants on air, sunlight, water, nutrients in the soil, and space to grow	Student Edition: 188–191, 192, 193–194 Simulations: Terrarium Gazing	Teacher Edition: 183H, 188–191, 192, 193–194
	(B) observe and identify the dependence of animals on air, water, food, space, and shelter	Student Edition: 232–235, 237, 239–240 Simulation: The Healthy Rabbit	Teacher Edition: 232–235, 237, 239–240
(13) Organisms and environments. The student knows that organisms resemble their parents and have structures and undergo processes that help them interact and survive within their environments. The student is expected to:	(A) identify the structures of plants, including roots, stems, leaves, flowers, and fruits	Student Edition: 198–201, 203–204, 220, 225–226 Hands-On Investigation: Plenty of Plant Parts	Teacher Edition: 198–201, 203–204, 220, 225–226
	(B) identify the different structures that animals have that allow them to interact with their environment such as seeing, hearing, moving, and grasping objects	Student Edition: 244–247, 248, 249–250 Hands-On Investigation: Animal Parts	Teacher Edition: 227H, 244–247, 248, 249–250
	(C) identify and record the changes from seed, seedling, plant, flower, and fruit in a simple plant life cycle	Student Edition: 208–211, 212, 213–214 Hands-On Investigation: Life of a Lima Bean	Teacher Edition: 208–211, 212, 213–214
	(D) identify ways that young plants resemble the parent plant	Student Edition: 218–221, 225–226 Hands-On Investigation: Who Is Your Parent Plant?	Teacher Edition: 218–221, 225–226