### New Jersey Student Learning Standards: Science Kindergarten Pacing Guide

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## Unit 1: Engineering and Technology (28-30 days) [ETSS1-1]

 What are the procedures and rules to ensure science safety?

TRIMESTER 1

(approximately 60 days)

- Five SafetyProcedures/Rules
- What Does An Engineer Do?
  - Solve a Problem
  - Engineers
  - Problems and Solutions
- How Can We Use a Design Process?
  - Light Problem
  - Design ProcessStep 1 & 2
  - Design ProcessStep 3 & 4
  - Design ProcessStep 5
- Unit Projects
  - Design a Coin Sorter
  - o Off to the Races!

# Unit 2: Forces and Motion (28-30 days) [PS2.A-C; PS2-1-2; ETS1.A]

- What Is Motion?
  - Speed
  - o Pushes/Pulls
  - Speed
- How Can We Change the Way Things Move?
  - Direction/Speed
  - o Speed

#### TRIMESTER 2

(approximately 60 days)

# Unit 3: Plants and Animals (38-40 days) [LS1-1; LS1.C;

ESS2-2; ESS2.C,ESS3-1; ESS3.A]

- What Do Plants Need?
  - Living/Nonliving
  - Sunlight, water/soil
  - o Air/Space to grow
- What Do Animals Need?
  - Plants/Animals
  - What People Need
  - What Animals Need
  - Water/Air/Food for Animals
- Where Do Plants and Animals Live?
  - Living things all around
  - Habitats: Deserts/Forests/Po nds/Oceans
- How Do Plants and Animals Change Their Environment?
  - Changes Plants/Animals make
  - Changes to the Environment
- Unit Project
  - Animal Changes
  - o Grow a Garden

### **Unit 4: Sun Warms Earth**

(18-20 days)

[PS3-1-2; PS3.B]

- How Does the Sun Warm Earth?
  - Sun's Heat
  - Sun's Light
- How Can I Protect Myself

#### TRIMESTER 3

(approximately 60 days)

# **Unit 5: Weather** (38-40 days)

[ESS2-1-2; ESS2.D; ESS3.B; ETS1.A]

- How Can We Observe Weather Patterns?
  - Kinds of Weather
  - Seasons
  - Weather Patterns
    - Observing Patterns
- How Can We Measure Weather?
  - Measuring Weather
  - Weather Tools
    - UsingWeatherTools
- What Are Kinds of Severe Weather?
  - Winter Storms
  - > Hurricanes
  - Thunderstorms
  - Tornadoes
- How Can Forecasts Help Us?
  - Plan for Severe Weather
  - Prepare for Weather
  - Weather Forecast
- Unit Project
  - Local Weather Forecasts
  - Plan a Trip!