Waterford Township School District Science Matrix

| | PHYSICAL | LIFE | EARTH & SPACE |
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| Kindergarten | Push, Pull Go Forces and motion Types of Interactions Relationship between energy and forces | Living Things and Their Needs Living things and what they need to survive Living/non living things Life cycle of a butterfly Life cycle of a seed Identify different habitats and what animals may live in each Human impact on the environment | Weather and Sky Describing temperature Observe and record weather to discover patterns and compare seasons Identify the four seasons and characteristics of each Use weather forecast to choose appropriate dress |
| Grade 1 | Light and Sound Waves Light is needed to see Light moves in one direction Transparent, Translucent, Opaque Reflective Object Vibrations create sound Sound waves and how sound moves through air. | Exploring Organisms Difference between living and nonliving things Needs of living things Relationships between parents and offspring Offsprings dependency on Parents Comparing and Contrasting Plant and Animal offsprings with parents. Plant and Animal | Sky Watchers Observations of what you can see in day and night sky, comparisons Rotation of Earth and how is creates Day and Night Revolution of the Earth and all planets Earth is tilted on its axis, creation of seasons Movement of the Sun and shadow changes. |

| | | Structures • Adaptations of Animals and how specific body parts do specific jobs. | Moon and Phases, different patterns per month always repeats Rotation of Moon around Earth Position of different objects in space |
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| Grade 2 | Matter • Students are introduced to the three states of matter - solids, liquids, and gases. • Describing matter • Heating matter • Physical change vs. chemical change • Mixtures • Fluidity and Viscosity | Ecosystem Diversity Living/nonliving 7 Unique Habitats Plant Growth Photosynthesis Survival and Adaptations Aquatic/Terrestrial Habitats Human impact on habitats | Earth Materials Weathering Erosion Landslides Landforms Creation of Canyons Rock, Soil, Sand Properties of Soil Bodies of Water Water Cycle |
| Grade 3 | Forces and Interactions Balanced Forces - Gravity, Newton's 3rd law of motion Unbalanced Forces - Law of inertia, friction Changes in Motion - Force and mass impact motion Magnetism and Electricity - Attract, repel, positive/negative | Life in Ecosystems Observing life - Butterfly larva, grow a plant, living in a group vs. solitary Inheritance and Variation of Traits - compare human traits, inherited traits vs acquired traits, variations between same species | Weather and Climate Patterns What is Weather? -Observe weather and interpret weather clues, investigate tools that measure rainfall, wind, and temperature Weather Data - mathematical formula for averages, daily and weekly averages for |

| | charges • Magnetic Solutions - use magnets to solve a problem | Adaptations - beak adaptations, predator-prey relationships Environmental Influences Learning From Fossils - organisms change over time, environmental changes over time lead to change in adaptations or extinction | temperatures, determine local precipitation, create weather reports • Weather Patterns - analyze and interpret data, compare predictions to results • Weather vs. Climate - 5 parts of Earth's climate system, investigate climate system • Hazardous Weather - heavy rain, thunderstorms, lightning, tornadoes, hurricanes, flooding, snowstorms • Impact of Weather |
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| Grade 4 | Energy Tracing the flow of energy, Potential vs. kinetic How energy is converted from one form to another (transferred) Forms explored - sound, light, heat and electric currents How energy moves in waves | Plant and Animal Structures How structures allow plants & animals to survive, grow and reproduce Animal systems - external structures Dissect internal system (squid - by student) Plant Structures - seed dissection (radish - by student) Plant dissection - celery, | Changing Earth Distinct features of earth Earthquakes, Volcanoes plate movement, Earth's layers Rock formations Weathering and Erosion Deposited sediment |

| | Alternative, renewable forms of energy | carnation - by student) Brain structure - dissection of sheep brain - by teacher Eye structure - cow eye dissection - by teacher Build a 3D model of eye | |
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| Grade 5 | Structures & Properties of Matter Differentiate properties of solids, liquids and gases Mass & volume Evaluate solutions of solid and liquid matter Chemical changes Physical properties of matter Buoyancy Hardness magnetism Viscosity Physical and chemical changes | Matter & Energy Living and non-living things Relationship between sun & the cycle of nitrogen in the environment Chemical reactions to iodine in a plant. Classifying organisms Patterns between food & energy Flow of energy in ecosystem Decomposers Food chain pyramid Cause and effects of human behavior and environment. | Earth & Space Systems Distance from Earth to stars Size and shape of Earth Rotation of Earth |
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| Grade 6 | Weather and Climate Systems | Earth's Dynamics Systems • Earthquakes | Space Systems Exploration • Calendar in the Sky: |

| • | Warming/cooling of |
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| | Earth's surface |
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- Water cycle, Clouds, Air Masses
- Wind/Air Pressure
- Ocean Currents
- Severe Storms
- Predicting Weather
- Tracking Storms
- Intro. To Climate
- Climate Change Research
- Impact of Climate Change

- Analyzing Earthquake Data
- Plate Movement
- Cycling Matter and Energy
- Volcanoes: Build Up and Eruption
- Changing Earth's Surface
- Fossil Records
- Distribution of Resources on Earth
- Evidence of a Dynamic Earth

- Introducing the Sun-Moon-Earth
- Investigating Lunar Phases
- Pulling Water: Gravity and Tides
- Solar and Lunar Eclipses
- Reasons for Seasons: Earth's Tilt
- Stellar Proportions: Modeling the Solar System
- Exploration Activity:

 Jupiter and its Moon
- Gravity: Bending Space Time
- Gravity's Role in the Universe
- Geologists in Space
- Challenges of Space Exploration