

**9-12 Sciences Subject Area
Correlated to
PROJECT LEARNING TREE**

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

CCG: Matter: Understand structure and properties of matter.

BENCHMARK	FOCUS ON FORESTS	FOREST ECOLOGY	FOCUS ON RISK	PLACES WE LIVE
SC.CM.PS.01 Describe properties of elements and their relationship to the periodic table.				
SC.CM.PS.01.01 Explain atoms and their base components (protons, neutrons, and electrons) as a basis for all matter.				
SC.CM.PS.01.02 Read and interpret the periodic table, recognizing the relationship of the chemical and physical properties of the elements to their position on the periodic table.				
SC.CM.PS.01.03 Recognize that the historical development of atomic theory demonstrates how scientific knowledge changes over time, and how those changes have had an impact on society.				

CCG: Matter: Understand chemical and physical changes.

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SC.CM.PS.02 Analyze the effects of various factors on physical changes and chemical reactions.		The Nature of Plants		
SC.CM.PS.02.01 Describe how transformations among solids, liquids, and gases occur (change of state).				
SC.CM.PS.02.02 Identify factors that can influence change of state, including temperature, pressure, and concentration.				

SC.CM.PS.02.03 Describe chemical reactions in terms of reactants and products.		Understanding Fire		
SC.CM.PS.02.04 Describe the factors that affect the rate of chemical reactions.		Understanding Fire		
SC.CM.PS.02.05 Recognize examples that show when substances combine or break apart in a chemical reaction, the total mass remains the same (conservation of mass).				

CCG: Force: Understand fundamental forces, their forms, and their effects on motion.

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SC.CM.PS.03 Describe and explain the effects of multiple forces acting on an object.		Cast of Thousands		
SC.CM.PS.03.01 Understand and apply the relationship $F=ma$ in situations in which one force acts on an object.				
SC.CM.PS.03.02 Recognize that equal and opposite forces occur when one object exerts a force on another.				
SC.CM.PS.03.03 Describe the forces acting on an object, based on the motion of that object.				
SC.CM.PS.04 Recognize that gravity is a universal force.		Cast of Thousands		
SC.CM.PS.04.01 Describe the relationship of mass and distance to gravitational force.				

CCG: Energy: Understand energy, its transformations, and interactions with matter.

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SC.CM.PS.05 Describe differences and similarities between kinds of waves, including sound, seismic, and electromagnetic, as a means of transmitting energy.				

SC.CM.PS.05.01 Recognize that waves of all kinds have energy that can be transferred when the waves interact with matter.				
SC.CM.PS.05.02 Apply the concepts of frequency, wavelength, amplitude, and energy to electromagnetic and mechanical waves.				
SC.CM.PS.06 Describe and analyze examples of conservation of energy.				
SC.CM.PS.06.01 Recognize that heat energy is a by-product of most energy transformations.		Understanding Fire		
SC.CM.PS.06.02 Describe ways in which energy can be transferred, including chemical reactions, nuclear reactions, and light waves.				
SC.CM.PS.06.03 Explain the difference between potential and kinetic energy.				
SC.CM.PS.06.04 Analyze the flow of energy through a system by applying the law of conservation of energy.				

LIFE SCIENCE

CCG: Organisms: Understand the characteristics, structure, and functions of organisms.

BENCHMARK	FOCUS ON FORESTS	FOREST ECOLOGY	FOCUS ON RISK	PLACES WE LIVE
SC.CM.LS.01 Describe, explain, and compare the structure and functions of cells in organisms.		The Nature of Plants		
SC.CM.LS.01.01 Describe how biological systems can maintain equilibrium (homeostasis).		Adopt-a-Forest Cast of Thousands		
SC.CM.LS.01.02 Identify unique structures in cells from plants, animals, and prokaryotes.		The Nature of Plants		

SC.CM.LS.01.03 Identify cell organelles and state how their activities contribute to a particular type of cell carrying out its functions.		The Nature of Plants		
SC.CM.LS.01.04 Explain the role of the cell membrane in cell transport.				
SC.CM.LS.01.05 Distinguish between active and passive transport, including diffusion and osmosis, explaining the mechanics of each.				
SC.CM.LS.01.06 Describe photosynthesis as a chemical process and part of the carbon cycle.		Adopt-a-Forest Cast of Thousands The Nature of Plants		
SC.CM.LS.01.07 Explain how the development of tools and technology, including microscopes, has aided in the understanding of cells and microbes.				

CCG: Heredity: Understand the transmission of traits in living things.

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SC.CM.LS.02 Explain laws of heredity and their relationship to the structure and function of DNA.				
SC.CM.LS.02.01 Describe the structure of DNA and the way that DNA functions to control protein synthesis.				
SC.CM.LS.02.02 Recognize and understand the differences between meiosis and mitosis in cellular reproduction.				
SC.CM.LS.02.03 Recognize that changes in DNA (mutations) and anomalies in chromosomes create changes in organisms.		Saga of the Gypsy Moth	Weighing the Options: A Look at Tradeoffs	
SC.CM.LS.02.04 Apply concepts of inheritance of traits, including Mendel's laws, Punnett squares, and pedigrees, to determine the characteristics of offspring.				

SC.CM.LS.02.05 Recognize the existence of technology that can alter and/or determine inherited traits.			Weighing the Options: A Look at Tradeoffs	
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CCG: Diversity/Interdependence: Understand the relationships among living things and between living things and their environments.

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SC.CM.LS.03 Describe and analyze the effect of species, including humans, on an ecosystem.	Case Study: Old-Growth Forests Tough Choices Squirrels vs. Scopes	Adopt-a-Forest Cast of Thousands Home Sweet Home Saga of the Gypsy Moth Story of Succession Understanding Fire Fire Management	Weighing the Options: A Look at Tradeoffs	Green Space Far-Reaching Decisions Regional Community Issues: The Ogallala Aquifer
SC.CM.LS.03.01 Predict outcomes of changes in resources and energy flow in an ecosystem.		Adopt-a-Forest Cast of Thousands The Nature of Plants Home Sweet Home Saga of the Gypsy Moth Story of Succession Understanding Fire Fire Management	Weighing the Options: A Look at Tradeoffs	Far-Reaching Decisions Regional Community Issues: The Ogallala Aquifer
SC.CM.LS.03.02 Explain how humans and other species can impact an ecosystem.	What's a Forest to You? Case Study: Old-Growth Forests Tough Choices Squirrels vs. Scopes	Adopt-a-Forest Cast of Thousands The Nature of Plants Home Sweet Home Saga of the Gypsy Moth Story of Succession Understanding Fire Fire Management	Weighing the Options: A Look at Tradeoffs	Green Space Far-Reaching Decisions Regional Community Issues: The Ogallala Aquifer
SC.CM.LS.03.03 Explain how the balance of resources will change with the introduction or loss of a new species within an ecosystem.		Adopt-a-Forest The Nature of Plants Home Sweet Home Saga of the Gypsy Moth Story of Succession Understanding Fire Fire Management	Weighing the Options: A Look at Tradeoffs	Regional Community Issues: The Ogallala Aquifer
SC.CM.LS.04 Analyze how living things have changed over geological time, using fossils and other scientific evidence.				

SC.CM.LS.04.01 Recognize that, over time, natural selection may result in development of a new species or subspecies.				
SC.CM.LS.04.02 Recognize that natural selection and its evolutionary consequences provide an explanation for the fossil record as well as an explanation for the molecular similarities among varied species.				
SC.CM.LS.04.03 Explain how biological evolution can account for the diversity of species developed over time.				
SC.CM.LS.04.04 Explain the relationship between genetics, mutations, and biological evolution.				
SC.CM.LS.04.05 Explain how our understanding of evolution has changed over time.				

EARTH SCIENCE

CCG: The Dynamic Earth: Understand the properties and limited availability of the materials which make up the Earth.

BENCHMARK	FOCUS ON FORESTS	FOREST ECOLOGY	FOCUS ON RISK	PLACES WE LIVE
SC.CM.ES.01 Describe how the importance and use of resources has changed over time with changes in economic and technological systems.	Case Study: Old-Growth Forests	Fire Management		Mapping Your community Through Time Green Space
SC.CM.ES.01.01 Predict consequences of increased consumption of renewable and non-renewable resources.		Adopt-a-Forest Fire Management		Mapping Your community Through Time Green Space

CCG: The Dynamic Earth: Understand changes occurring within the lithosphere, hydrosphere, and atmosphere of the Earth.

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SC.CM.ES.02 Analyze the relationship between global energy transfer and climate.				

SC.CM.ES.02.01 Describe the effect of various gases in the atmosphere on the amount of energy retained by the Earth system.				
SC.CM.ES.02.02 Describe how solar radiation and the amount that reaches Earth is affected by stratospheric ozone.				
SC.CM.ES.02.03 Describe how differential heating of the Earth's surface, atmosphere, and oceans produces wind and ocean currents.				
SC.CM.ES.03 Analyze evidence of ongoing evolution of the Earth system.				
SC.CM.ES.03.01 Describe methods of determining ages of rocks and fossils.				
SC.CM.ES.03.02 Use rock sequences and fossil evidence to determine geologic history.				
SC.CM.ES.03.03 Describe and analyze theories of Earth's origin and early history using scientific evidence.				
SC.CM.ES.03.04 Describe how earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, mountain building, and continental movements result from slow plate motions.				
SC.CM.ES.03.05 Describe how the evolution of life caused dramatic changes in the composition of the Earth's atmosphere, which did not originally contain oxygen.				
SC.CM.ES.03.06 Identify how volcanic eruptions and impacts of huge rocks from space can cause widespread effects on climate.				

CCG: The Earth in Space: Understand the Earth's place in the solar system and the universe.

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SC.CM.ES.04 Explain how mass and distance affect the interaction between Earth and other objects in space.				
SC.CM.ES.04.01 Recognize that the sun's gravitational pull holds the Earth and other planets in their orbits, just as the planets' gravitational pull keeps their moons in orbit around them.				
SC.CM.ES.04.02 Explain that the force of gravity between Earth and other objects in space depends only upon their masses and the distances between them.				

CCG: The Universe: Describe natural objects, events, and processes outside the Earth, both past and present.

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