First Grade

The performance expectations in first grade help students formulate answers to questions such as: “What happens when materials vibrate? What happens when there is no light? What are some ways plants and animals meet their needs so that they can survive and grow? How are parents and their children similar and different? What objects are in the sky and how do they seem to move?” First grade performance expectations include PS4, LS1, LS3, and ESS1 Disciplinary Core Ideas from the NRC Framework. Students are expected to develop understanding of the relationship between sound and vibrating materials as well as between the availability of light and ability to see objects. The idea that light travels from place to place can be understood by students at this level through determining the effect of placing objects made with different materials in the path of a beam of light. Students are also expected to develop understanding of how plants and animals use their external parts to help them survive, grow, and meet their needs as well as how behaviors of parents and offspring help the offspring survive. The understanding is developed that young plants and animals are like, but not exactly the same as, their parents. Students are able to observe, describe, and predict some patterns of the movement of objects in the sky. The crosscutting concepts of patterns; cause and effect; structure and function; and influence of engineering, technology, and science on society and the natural world are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the first grade performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in planning and carrying out investigations, analyzing and interpreting data, constructing explanations and designing solutions, and obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information. Students are expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.
1-PS4 Waves and their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer

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 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 an investigation 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.]

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### 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. (1-LS1-1)

**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)

### Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence

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

### Science and Engineering Practices

**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.
  - Use materials to design a device that solves a specific problem or a solution to a specific problem. (1-LS1-1)

**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)

### Crosscutting Concepts

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

**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**
- 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)

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**Connections to other DCIs in first grade:** N/A

**Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels:** K.ETS1.A (1-LS1-1); 3.LS2.D (1-LS1-2); 4.LS1.A (1-LS1-1); 4.LS1.D (1-LS1-1); 4.ETS1.A (1-LS1-1)

**Common Core State Standards Connections:**

**ELA/Literacy –**

**RI.1.1** Ask and answer questions about key details in a text. (1-LS1-2)

**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)

**Mathematics –**

**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 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 used. 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 used. (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)

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**1-LS3 Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**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.

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**Science and Engineering Practices**

- 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-LS3-1)

**Disciplinary Core Ideas**

- 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 world can be observed, used to describe phenomena, and used as evidence. (1-LS3-1)

**Common Core State Standards Connections:**

- **ELA/Literacy**
  - **RI.1.1** Ask and answer questions about key details in a text. (1-LS3-1)
  - **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-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)

- **Mathematics**
  - **MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (1-LS3-1)
  - **MP.5** Use appropriate tools strategically. (1-LS3-1)
  - **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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1-ESS1  Earth’s Place in the Universe

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.]

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**Connections to other DCIs in first grade:** N/A

**Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels:** 3.PS2.A (1-ESS1-1); 5.PS2.B (1-ESS1-1),(1-ESS1-2); 5-ESS1.B (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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# K-2-ETS1  Engineering Design

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**K-2-ETS1-1.** 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.

**K-2-ETS1-2.** 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.

**K-2-ETS1-3.** Analyze data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths and weaknesses of how each performs.

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### 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)

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**Common Core State Standards Connections:**

**ELA/Literacy**

- **RI.1.1** 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)
- **MP.5** Use appropriate tools strategically. (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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