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| The sum is the central and largest body in the solar system. The sun's warming of the Earth and tilt of the Earth on its axis have an important connection to the seasons. Earth's motion is the basis for measuring time. Objects in the sky move in regular and predictable patterns around the Sun. The sun, stars and constellations appear to move in predictable patterns across the sky. Gravity is the force that keeps the planets in orbit around the sun and controls motion in the solar system. | Unit 4: Position and Motion of Objects in the Sky Content Statement- E.ES.M.6 Seasons-Seasons result from annual variations in the intensity of sunlight and length of day due to the tilt of the axis of the Earth relative to the plane of its yearly orbit around the sun. Content Statement- E.ST.M.1 Solar system – The sun is the central and largest body in our solar system. Earth is the third planet from the sun in a system that includes other planets and their moons, as well as smaller objects, such as asteroids and comets. Content Statement- E.ST.M.2 Solar System Motion – Gravity is the force that keeps most objects in the solar system in regular and predictable motion. *Engage and Explore-Please see grade level packet for engagement and exploration activity. | E.E.S.05.61 Demonstrate and explain seasons using a model. E.ES.05.62 Explain how the revolution of the Earth around the sun defines a year. E.ST.05.11 Design a model of the solar system that shows the relative distances and positions of the planets, dwarf planets, comets and asteroids to the sun. E.ST.05.21 Describe the motion of planets and moons in terms of rotation on axis and orbits due to gravity. E.ST.05.22 Explain the phases of the moon. E.ST.05.23 Explain the apparent motion of the stars (constellations) and the sun across the sky. E.ST.05.25 Explain the tides of the oceans as they relate to the gravitational pull and orbit of the moon. *See inquiry and reflection GLCEs | National Geographic Earth Science Chapters I & 2 Suggested Trade Books: The Four Seasons by Annie Jones Weather and Climate by Barbara Complete book of Seasons by Sally Tagholm America in Space by Steven Dick Our Solar System by Seymour Simon Don't Know Much About the Solar System by Kenneth D. Davis and Pedro Martin Earth, Moon, and Sun by Peter Riley Will the Sun Ever Burn Out by Rosalind Mist Websites: & Video Streaming: myNGconnect.com See grade level resource packet Grade Level Resource Packet: See unit Position and Motion of Objects in the Sky | Write vocabulary words and illustrations on cards with definitions on the back Record observations, data and conclusions in student journals Apply concepts of scale to an Earthmoon model. Demonstrate understanding through illustrations and models of the position of objects in the solar system. Create moon journals and illustrations of phases of the moon. Display models or demonstrations of eclipses and tides. Summative Assessment Write an essay to explain the reason for seasons based on evidence Create a model that explains the reason for seasons Create a story book for younger students that explains the solar system which includes the correct position of planets, dwarf planets, comets, and asteroids. Write a paragraph explaining how moon phases occur. Demonstrate a lunar and a solar eclipse with illustrations or models. Draw a diagram and explain how the gravitational pull of the moon causes ocean tides. |
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| TRIMECTER 2 | Traits are influenced by both genetics of the individual and the environment. Traits can be classified as either inherited or acquired. Each organism (plants and animals) have specific behavioral and physical characteristics allowing them to better survive in a given environment. As environments change over time, these characteristics may change (adaptations) to allow them to continue to survive or flourish in their environment. Fossils provide evidence that life forms have changed over time and were influenced by changes in environmental conditions including catastrophic events. Organisms that are similar in anatomical structures are more likely to be more closely related than those whose structures are less similar to one another. | Unit 3:Evolution and Traits of Organisms Content Statement-L.HE.M.1 Inherited and Acquired Traits - The characteristics of organisms are influenced by heredity and environment. For some characteristics, inheritance is more important; for other characteristics, interactions with the environment are more important. Content Statement-L.EV.M.1 Species A daptation and Survival - Species with certain traits are more likely than others to survive and have offspring in particular environments. When an environment changes, the advantage or disadvantage of the species' characteristics can change. Extinction of a species occurs when the environment changes and the characteristics of a species are insufficient to allow survival. Content Statement- L.EV.M.2 Relationships A mong Organisms - Similarities among organisms are found in anatomical features, which can be used to infer the degree of relatedness among organisms. In classifying organisms, biologists consider details of internal and external structures to be more important that behavior and general appearance. | L.HE.05.11 Explain that the traits of an individual are influenced by both the environment and the genetics of the individual. L.HE.05.12 Distinguish between inherited and acquired traits. L.EV.05.11 Explain how behavioral characteristics (adaptation, instinct, learning, habit) of animals help them to survive in their environment. L.EV.05.12 Describe the physical characteristics (traits) of organisms that help them survive in their environment. L.EV.05.13 Describe how fossils provide evidence about how living things and environmental conditions have changed. L.EV.05.14 Analyze the relationship of environmental change and catastrophic events (for example: volcanic eruption, floods, asteroid impact, tsunami) to species extinction. L.EV.05.21 Relate degree of similarity in anatomical features to the classification of contemporary organisms. *See inquiry and reflection GLCEs | Textbook: • National Geographic Life Science Chapter 4 (Chapter 1-Review vocabulary as an introduction) Suggested Trade Books: • Fossils by Ann O. Squire Websites & Video Streaming: • myNGconnect.com • see grade level resource packet Grade Level Resource Packet: • See unit Evolution and Traits of Organisms | Formative Assessment Evaluate student presentation of information on environmental influences affecting plants traits. Evaluate student design and investigations of the classroom habitat and presentations. Evaluate student diagrams/illustrations depicting characteristics allowing survival in particular environments. Evaluate student research and presentations of organisms' changes over time. Evaluate students' ability to identify characteristics allowing organisms to survive in their environment. Evaluate students' completed Venn diagrams. Sumative Assessment Give each student 3 separate index cards and label the first with an A (A cquired), the second with an I (Inherited) and the third with a 8 (Both). Read different traits aloud and have each student independently choose which type of trait it represents. Visually scan the room to determine each student describe how the trait would be affected in the given situation. Describe situations in which the environment would affect a trait of a plant or animal and have student describe how the trait would be affected in the given situation. Students analyze fossil evidence to determine how environmental conditions changed over time. List organisms that would be placed into a similar group based on characteristics and have students determine the similarity. |
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