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<b>Title</b>		<b>Suggested Dates</b>
Soil & Other Resources		11/16/09 – 12/4/09 (12 days)

Big Idea/Enduring Understanding	Guiding Questions
<p>The materials that make up the surface of the earth have distinct and measurable physical properties.</p> <p>The physical properties of earth materials determine how they are used as resources.</p> <p>Careful decisions about the use of Earth’s resources must be made in order to ensure their availability for future generations.</p>	<p>What physical properties can be used to classify soil types?</p> <p>How can properties of soil be changed?</p> <p>How do specific properties of soil and other resources relate to the way they are used?</p> <p>How can soil and other resources be conserved?</p>

The resources included here provide teaching examples and/or meaningful learning experiences to address the District Curriculum. In order to address the TEKS to the proper depth and complexity, teachers are encouraged to use resources to the degree that they are congruent with the TEKS and research-based best practices. Teaching using only the suggested resources does not guarantee student mastery of all standards. Teachers must use professional judgment to select among these and/or other resources to teach the district curriculum.

Knowledge & Skills with Student Expectations	District Specificity/Examples	Suggested Resources (See note above)
<p><b>NEW TEKS</b>  <b>4.5 Matter and energy. The student knows that matter has measurable physical properties and those properties determine how matter is classified, changed, and used.</b></p> <p>4.5a measure, compare, and contrast physical properties of matter, including size, mass, volume, states (solid, liquid, gas), temperature, magnetism, and the ability to sink or float</p> <p><b>CURRENT TEKS</b>  <b>4.7 Science concepts. The student knows that matter has physical properties.</b>            4.7b conduct tests, compare data, and draw conclusions about physical properties of matter including states of matter, conduction, density, and buoyancy</p>	<p><b>Including</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Size (Particle size)</li> <li>• Mass</li> <li>• Volume</li> <li>• Magnetism</li> <li>• Conduction (heat)</li> <li>• Ability to sink or float</li> <li>• Color (shades, richness)</li> </ul> <p>Use appropriate tools (4.4a) include METRIC only.</p>	<p>Resources listed here apply to the entire bundle.</p> <p><a href="#">Science Notebooks</a></p> <p>IF I TRY (Intranet)</p> <p><a href="#">KLEW/ Claims &amp; Evidence</a></p> <p><a href="#">PISD Elem Science Homepage</a></p> <p>PISD K-5 Equipment Alignment</p> <p><b>GRADE LEVEL REQUIRED LESSON</b>            GeoScience: Change Over Time            “Break it Up”*</p> <p>Master Copy of lesson is found in each campus library and in the Sci Curr Folder within your campus share folder</p> <p>Engage: student gathered soil samples are observed and charted</p> <p>Elaborate: Skip Activity 1: observe</p>
<p><b>NEW TEKS</b>  <b>4.7 Earth and space. The student knows that Earth consists of useful resources and its surface is constantly changing.</b></p> <p>4.7a examine properties of soils, including color and texture, capacity to retain water, and ability to support the growth of plants</p>	<p><b>Soil is a resource that is critical to life on Earth</b></p> <p><b>Including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soil types               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Clay</li> <li>o Sand</li> <li>o Loam</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Master Copy of lesson is found in each campus library and in the Sci Curr Folder within your campus share folder</p> <p>Engage: student gathered soil samples are observed and charted</p> <p>Elaborate: Skip Activity 1: observe</p>

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<p>CURRENT TEKS  <b>4.11 Science concepts. The student knows that the natural world includes earth materials and objects in the sky.</b>          4.11a test properties of soils including texture, capacity to retain water, and ability to support life</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">o Silt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Texture (particle size, particle size in relation to water retention) Test soil in both wet and dry states – rub between fingers</li> <li>• Color (red= more iron, darker = soil richer in humus – decayed plant materials which provide more nutrients)</li> <li>• Capacity to retain water</li> <li>• Ability to support animal and plant life (nutrient value) (color indicator)</li> </ul>	<p>porosity and permeability of soils – it is harder than TAKSCOPES but same learning.          Activity 2: Depleted is very good!          Also see choices A. C. D.</p> <p><a href="#">TAKScopes</a>          Soil Properties (4.11A)          *As written, materials for the Explore calls for each group to use 4 beakers and 4 panty hose to test soils and grow plants.</p>
<p>NEW TEKS  <b>4.7 Earth and space. The student knows that Earth consists of useful resources and its surface is constantly changing.</b>          4.7c identify and classify Earth’s renewable resources, including air, plants, water, and animals and nonrenewable resources including coal, oil, and natural gas: and the importance of conservation</p>	<p>Connect back to water cycle and weather</p> <p>Ways to reduce soil loss through erosion; soil conservation</p>	<p>Modify this procedure: use funnels (in FOSS kit) and a coffee filter for each soil in the funnel. Capture and measure the water in a beaker and transfer the captured water to a plastic cup for each type of soil. Only one beaker is needed for each group. The wet soil in the coffee filter can be transferred and suspended in another larger plastic cup to allow for cultivation/drainage for the test of each soils ability to grow plants.</p> <p><a href="#">United Streaming</a>          “The Recipe for Soil: Organic and Inorganic Ingredients”          A segment of <a href="#">How to Make Mud Pie</a>          *This discusses formation of soil and connects back to weathering and erosion. There are a couple of dry moments – but pretty good.</p> <p><a href="#">BrainPop</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Soil</li> <li>- Natural Resources</li> <li>- Humans and the Environment</li> </ul> <p><b>SIGNATURE REQUIRED LESSON</b>          GeoScience: Change Over Time          “Sort It Out” – this is a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade lesson in the book – but this learning is moving to 4<sup>th</sup>. This can be found in the same binder</p>

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		<p>as the 4<sup>th</sup> grade lesson in the professional section of your library or in the Sci Curr Folder in your campus share folder.          *The major change is that there is no longer an “inexhaustible” category – you only have renewable and non-renewable. Also, the chocolate chip mining activity has been modified to use a Kiwi fruit.          **The word study sections are especially good.</p> <p>AIMS – Texas Core Content: Earth Science          -All Sorts of Soils          -Soil Safari          -Earth Tones          -Does This Hold Water?          -Tub Temps</p>
<p><b>NEW TEKS</b>  <b>4.1 Scientific investigation and reasoning The student conducts classroom and outdoor investigations following home and school safety procedures and environmentally appropriate and ethical practices.</b></p> <p>4.1a demonstrate safe practices and the use of safety equipment as described in the Texas Safety Standards during classroom and outdoor investigation</p> <p>4.1b make informed choices in the use and conservation of natural resources and reusing and recycling of materials such as paper, aluminum, glass, cans, and plastic</p> <p><b>CURRENT TEKS</b>  <b>4.1 Scientific processes. The student conducts field and laboratory investigations following home and school safety procedures and environmentally appropriate and ethical practices.</b></p> <p>4.1a demonstrate safe practices during field and laboratory investigations</p> <p>4.1b make wise choices in the use and conservation of resources and the disposal or recycling of materials</p> <p><b>Health 4.4 Health behaviors. The student understands and engages in behaviors that reduce health risks throughout the</b></p>	<p>Due to bacterial growth soil must be disposed of every year unless in original unopened bag</p> <p>No tasting or touching unless instructed          Safe smelling – wafting          Goggles          Wait for teacher directions          No glassware          Students do not handle hot water, hot plates or burners.          Wash hands after science activities</p> <p>Review investigation safety procedures for both indoor and outdoor activities, as applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directly point out possible safety risks</li> <li>• Discuss precautions</li> <li>• Share specific guidelines for the lesson             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Use of equipment and materials</li> <li>○ Respect for environment</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Encourage students to identify these on their own throughout the year [document in science notebooks via words and/or pictures]</p> <p>Make note of and teach use of district-wide recycling resource.</p>	<p><a href="#">PISD Safety Website</a>          -Safety Contracts, games, etc          -Science Safety is Elementary (for teachers)          -Safety in the Elementary Classroom (for teachers)</p> <p><a href="#">DuPont Science Safety Zone website</a></p> <p><a href="#">Texas Science Safety Standards</a></p>

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<p><b>life span.</b></p> <p>Health4.4f identify strategies for avoiding deliberate and accidental injuries such as gang violence and accidents at school and home</p> <p><b>Health4.9 Personal/Intrapersonal Skills. The student uses social skills for building and maintaining healthy relationships throughout the life span.</b></p> <p>Health4.9h demonstrate refusal skills</p>		
<p><b>NEW TEKS</b></p> <p><b>4.2 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student uses scientific inquiry methods during laboratory and outdoor investigations.</b></p> <p>4.2a plan and implement descriptive investigations including asking well-defined questions, making inferences, and selecting and using appropriate equipment or technology to answer his/her questions</p> <p>4.2b collect and record data by observing and measuring, using the metric system, and using descriptive words and numerals such as labeled drawings, writing, and concept maps</p> <p>4.2c construct simple tables, charts, bar graphs, and maps using tools and current technology to organize, examine, and evaluate data</p> <p>4.2d analyze data and interpret patterns to construct reasonable explanations from data that can be observed and measured</p> <p>4.2e perform repeated investigations to increase the reliability of results</p> <p>4.2f communicate valid, oral, and written results supported by data</p> <p><b>CURRENT TEKS</b></p> <p><b>4.2 Scientific processes. The student uses scientific inquiry methods during field and laboratory investigations.</b></p> <p>4.2a plan and implement descriptive investigations including asking well defined</p> <p>4.2b collect information by observing and measuring</p> <p>4.2c analyze and interpret information to construct reasonable</p>	<p>New 4.2a: The emphasis in all types of investigations is the <u>systematic approach</u> used: students form questions or define a problem and develop a plan to answer their question or solve the problem using appropriate tools to implement the plan.</p> <p>Develop questions using resources such as Science Notebooks, KLEW charts and students sharing with one another</p> <p>Class discussion is a critical element to allow students to elaborate and build understanding</p> <p>New 4.2b: Use Science Notebook to build the skill of constructing ways to record data. Record their ideas, the process and discussion points</p> <p>Initial support for recording collected information should be more guided in the beginning of the year and move toward students making independent decisions on which type of graphic organizer to use as the year progresses.</p> <p>New 4.2c: Math connections: Math TEK 4.11a: Estimate and use measurement tools to determine length (including perimeter), area, capacity and weight/mass using standard units, SI (metric) and customary .Math TEK 4.12a Use a thermometer to measure temperature and changes in temperature (Celsius)</p> <p>New 4.2d and 4.2e: Claims and Evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student generated explanations: always justify reasoning with evidence             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The KLEW format is a graphic organizer: students record learning and show the connection to evidence</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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<p>explanations from direct and indirect evidence          4.2d communicate valid conclusions          4.2e construct simple graphs, tables, maps, and charts to organize, examine, and evaluate information</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(the L and E section)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This can be whole group, small group, partners or individuals             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussion is important – students compare results and make specific connections between the investigation – the concepts – and the supporting vocabulary</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Construct explanations verbally and in Science Notebook (write and draw)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Labeling technical drawings, diagrams and pictures is a huge support for vocabulary development – creates a model to connect to the text</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Related Math TEKS:          TEKS 4.15a: Explain and record observations using objects, words, pictures, numbers, and technology.</p> <p>New 4.2e:          Repeated trials will not need to be done on every hands-on/ minds-on investigation during the year.</p> <p>There should be an opportunity to discuss or have a mini-lesson on the reason for repeating investigations during each bundle.</p> <p>It is good to remember that many demonstrations and investigations in science do not work in the classroom on a particular day – however, that is a great time to discuss repeating a test to get a more valid result – even if there is no time to actually try the demonstration or investigation again that day.</p>	
<p><b>NEW TEKS</b>  <b>4.3 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student uses critical thinking and scientific problem solving to make informed decisions.</b></p> <p>4.3a in all fields of science, analyze, evaluate, and critique scientific explanations by using empirical evidence, logical reasoning, and experimental and observational testing, including examining all sides of scientific evidence of those scientific explanations so as to encourage critical thinking by the student</p> <p>4.3b draw inferences and evaluate accuracy of services and product claims found in advertisements and labels such as toys, food, and sunscreen</p>	<p>Continue to support building understanding of using a <u>systematic approach</u> to solve a problem or answer a question</p> <p>The key here is to support students as they observe the world and the results of their investigations and build their critical thinking by looking at those results as evidence that supports a concept.</p> <p>Use the <b>KLEW</b> graphic organizer to support this process. Use reflective discussions to review learning and the evidence for it. Look for connections in results to develop and answer questions about the scientific concepts studied.</p> <p>Student should use and reference their Science Notebooks and one another</p>	

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<p>4.3c represent the natural world using models such as rivers, stream tables, or fossils, and identify their limitations, including accuracy and size</p> <p>4.3d connected grade level appropriate concepts with the history of science, science careers, and contributions of science</p> <p><b>CURRENT TEKS</b>  <b>4.3 Scientific processes. The student uses critical thinking and scientific problem solving to make informed decisions.</b>          4.3a analyze, review, and critique scientific explanations, including hypotheses and theories, as to their strengths and weaknesses using scientific evidence and information          4.3b draw inferences based on information related to promotional materials for products and services          4.3c represent the natural world using models and identify their limitations          4.3d evaluate the impact of research on scientific thought, society, and the environment          4.3e connect Grade 4 science concepts with the history of science and contributions of scientists</p>	<p><b>New 4.3c:</b>          For every model used during the year, ask the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the model for?</li> <li>• What do the parts of the model represent?</li> <li>• How is the model the same as its target – the real thing?</li> <li>• How is the model different from its target – the real thing?</li> <li>• How well does the model represent its target? What can it not show?</li> <li>• (limitations)</li> </ul> <p>Use different models of each concept target where each different model is designed to highlight a different important part of the overall concept.</p> <p>The questions allow you to focus on each part of each model so that when all those parts combine, a better mental model is created for students.</p>	
<p><b>NEW TEKS</b>  <b>4.4 Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student knows how to use a variety of tools, materials, equipment, and models to conduct science inquiry.</b></p> <p>4.4a collect, record, and analyze information using tools including calculators, microscopes, cameras, computers, hand lenses, metric rulers, Celsius thermometers, mirrors, spring scales, pan balances, triple beam balances, graduated cylinders, beakers, hot plates, meter sticks, compasses, magnets, collecting nets, and notebooks; timing devices including clocks and stopwatches and materials to support the observation of habitats such as terrariums and aquariums</p> <p>4.4b use safety equipment as appropriate, including goggles and gloves</p> <p><b>CURRENT TEKS</b>  <b>4.4 Scientific processes. The student knows how to use a variety of tools and methods to conduct science inquiry.</b>          4.4a collect and analyze information using tools including calculators, safety goggles, microscopes, cameras, sound recorders, computers, hand lenses, rulers, thermometers, meter</p>	<p>Metric units of measurement only</p> <p>Can include microscopes for further study.</p> <p><b>TEACHER NOTE:</b> Teaching the proper use of tools should be scaffolded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• -Tools are modeled</li> <li>• -Students are exposed through group interaction and then,</li> <li>• -Individuals develop skills through multiple opportunities for practice</li> <li>• during the year.</li> </ul> <p>Tools and equipment, including senses, should be used in authentic learning settings including during an outside field investigation</p> <p><b>TEACHER NOTE:</b>          In linear measurement, one area of difficulty for students is the point of origin.</p>	

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sticks, timing devices, balances, and compasses  
4.4b demonstrate that repeated investigations may increase the reliability of results

**Health4.9 Personal/Intrapersonal Skills. The student uses social skills for building and maintaining healthy relationships throughout the life span.**

Health4.9f analyze strengths and weaknesses in personal communication skills