

## BLUE VALLEY CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

## **English Language Arts | Third Grade**

Reading



Unit #: 2	Science at Play
Unit #: Z	Science at Flay

🦏 essential sk	ills and content	
Overview	How does Science help us have fun?  Time Frame – 4 weeks	
Essential Questions	How can I identify cause and effect relationships in text? How can I identify the text structure? How can I summarize after reading text? How can I make predictions before and during reading?	
Learning Targets		
Content/Skills	Target Skill  Identify Cause and Effect (RI.3.8) Identify Text Structure (RL.3.4)  Comprehension Strategies Summarizing (RI.3.2) Make Predictions(RI.3.8)  Word Study and Phonics Contractions – am, is, are (RF.3.3) Compound Words (RF.3.3) Long o sounds (L.3.2f) Long I Sounds (L.3.2f) Three letter clusters(L.3.2f)  Vocabulary Strategies Antonyms (L.3.5c) (Standard expresses as "shades of meaning") Idioms (L.3.5a)	+ Additional reading sources for Cause and Effect  • Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs by Judi Barrett 730L  • The Rain Came Down by David Shannon 370L  • The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash by Trinka Hakes Noble 540L  • The Terrible Thing That Happened at our House by Marge Blaine  + Additional resources for Similes  • Ghost Wings by Barbara Joosse 390L  • Peepers by Eve Bunting 310L  • Up North at the Cabin by Marsha Wilson Chall  • Homeplace by Anne Shelby  + Additional resources for Predicting

Similes(L.3.5a)     Literary Elements     Figurative language and character (RL.3.4)	Taking Care of Carruthers by James Marshall 470L Itsy Bitsy the Smart Spider by Charise Harper

🐂 balanced assessment		
COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
Formative Assessment	Running Records	Weekly Unit Assessments Note: Weekly Assessments for this unit use terms that may need to be emphasized for example:
		Week 1: none Week 2: none Week 3: "story / selection is organized mainly by" and "which sentence is an example of figurative language" Review questions 2 and 5 before assessing. Week 4: none
		Differentiated Unit Test
Summative Assessment	Quarterly Benchmark 1 Assessment	Weekly Assessments Differentiated Unit Test
District-Wide Common Assessment	MAP Kansas State Test Placement Test	

🐂 learning experiences			
COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED	
Suggested Resources/ Learning Experiences	LEAD 21	Literature: Forces Make Things Work by Kimberly Brubaker	
		Bradley	
		Gravity is a Mystery by Franklyn Branley  Meet Einstein by Mariels Kleiner	
		Roller Coaster by Paul Mason 610L Zoom! by Robert Munch 330L	

COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
Content Literacy		
Technology / Media	LEAD 21- Virtual Field Trips/e-tools	Differentiated Readers on-line Roller Coaster Builder http://pbskids.org/dragonflytv/show/mattermotion.ht ml http://interactivesites.weeblv.com/physics-and- motion.html
Differentiation / Intervention	Differentiated Readers Literacy Centers	

🦬 content-specific components		
COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
	Inquiry Process 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills      Listening Skills     Evaluate Sources     Use Library Resources	Presentation Ideas:  • After taking pictures of kids "in action", students wrote paragraphs that included five vocabulary words from the unit.  • Timeline of inventions, students researched what led to the creating of the invention.