Time /Month	Unit	Content	Standard(s)	Skills
20 days	Scientific Method	<ul> <li>Science prior knowledge</li> <li>Lab safety</li> <li>Lab tools/equipment</li> <li>Decimals/ metric conversions</li> <li>Graphing (bar graphs, pie charts and line graphs)</li> <li>Scientific method</li> <li>Observation, inference and prediction</li> <li>Qualitative vs quantitative</li> <li>Subjective vs objective</li> <li>Finding evidence</li> <li>Communicating observations</li> <li>Theory vs law</li> </ul>	Framework skills	<ul> <li>Show what I know about Science (what science is and isn't, who does science, how does science apply to me) and the world around me</li> <li>Determine appropriate behavior /rules and procedures for lab safety</li> <li>Identify lab equipment, tell what it is used for/ measures, determine appropriate metric units and properly use the equipment</li> <li>Convert metric measurements</li> <li>Make, use and interpret different types of graphs</li> <li>Put the steps of the scientific method in order and justify the order</li> <li>Determine the difference between observation, inference and prediction</li> <li>Tell if an observation is qualitative vs quantitative, and subjective vs objective</li> <li>Analyze a scenario using observations and inference to locate evidence</li> <li>Effectively communicate observations accurately</li> <li>Practice using the scientific method</li> <li>design an experiment</li> <li>Describe how a theory and law are different from one another and provide examples of each.</li> <li>Determine the difference between independent and dependent variables</li> </ul>
20 days	Cells	<ul> <li>Needs and characteristics of living things</li> <li>Levels of organization</li> <li>Cell organelles</li> <li>Cell theory</li> <li>Prokaryotic vs Eukaryotic</li> <li>Microscope parts</li> <li>How to use a microscope</li> <li>Microscope history</li> </ul>	MS- LS1- 1, 2, 6,7 LS2 -1	<ul> <li>Describe the characteristics and needs of living things</li> <li>Determine how living things are organized and give examples</li> <li>Determine the location, structure and function/ processes of cell organelles (plant and animal)</li> <li>Compare the cell structures of bacteria, plants and animals to identify the similarities and differences between the basic cell structures</li> <li>Identify the structures and functions of the microscope</li> <li>Calculate the total magnification of various objective lens</li> <li>Use a microscope properly</li> <li>Compare various plant and animal cells</li> <li>Determine how materials are transported across the cell membrane</li> </ul>

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		<ul> <li>Animal vs plant cell organelles</li> <li>Transport through membranes (active vs passive transport)</li> <li>Cellular respiration vs photosynthesis</li> <li>Mitosis(cell division)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Determine the difference between passive and active transport</li> <li>Compare/ contrast cellular respiration and photosynthesis</li> <li>Explain how cells make new cells by cell division (mitosis)</li> </ul>
30 days	Human body		<ul> <li>Identify and apply roots, suffixes and prefixes associated with the human body</li> <li>Identify the various body systems, their functions and how they are related</li> <li>Match organs and structures with the appropriate body system(s)</li> <li>Identify the four types of tissue in the human body</li> <li>Predict which part of the body is the most sensitive and explain why</li> <li>Determine fingerprint patterns and analyze various types/distribution of patterns among the class</li> <li>Conduct an experiment and analyze data to determine if blinking is voluntary or involuntary</li> <li>Identify various types of joints and analyze muscle action</li> <li>Describe how food moves through the digestive system</li> <li>Determine heart rate before and after various activities</li> <li>Compare the amount of air taken in during various breathing exercises</li> <li>Create a working model of the kidney</li> <li>Experiment to determine reaction time</li> <li>Construct a model of the brain</li> </ul>
23 days	Genetics	characteristics LS	<ul> <li>Determine how genes play a role in inherited characteristics</li> <li>S1- 1, 2</li> <li>Describe the contributions of Gregor Mendel in the area of genetics</li> <li>Compare and contrast dominant and recessive genes and give examples of each</li> <li>Determine the genotype and phenotype of various gene combinations</li> <li>Determine possible offspring genetic combinations using punnett squares</li> <li>Identify whether a gene combination is homozygous (purebred) or</li> </ul>

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		<ul> <li>Homozygous and heterozygous</li> <li>Passing traits</li> <li>Nitrogen bases and the Base-pair rule for DNA</li> <li>Extracting DNA</li> <li>Translation</li> <li>Protein synthesis</li> <li>meiosis/mitosis</li> <li>Hybridization</li> <li>Genetic engineering</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>heterozygous (hybrid)</li> <li>Determine how traits are passed from parent to offspring</li> <li>Determine genetic traits then apply that information to predict the possible genotype and phenotype of the parents</li> <li>Use punnett squares to determine the genotype and phenotype for traits that show incomplete dominance, codominance, multiple alleles and polygenic inheritance (optional)</li> <li>Determine how traits are passed from parent to offspring</li> <li>model a strand of DNA using the rules of base pairing</li> <li>Extract DNA from my cheek cells</li> <li>Determine how DNA translates to physical characteristics</li> <li>Model protein synthesis by combining amino acids to build proteins using various sequences of DNA</li> <li>Explain how gametes (sex cells) pass on characteristics using meiosis</li> <li>compare/ contrast the processes of mitosis and meiosis</li> <li>Determine how to trace a trait through a family tree</li> <li>Model the process of hybridization</li> <li>research/ discuss methods of genetic engineering</li> </ul>
27 days	Ecology	<ul> <li>Biotic vs abiotic</li> <li>Levels of organization within an ecosystem/biome</li> <li>producers/ autotrophs and consumers/ heterotrophs (various types)</li> <li>Food chains</li> <li>Food webs</li> <li>Energy pyramids</li> <li>Relationships         <ul> <li>Predation</li> <li>Competition over limited resources</li> <li>Symbiosis</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	MS LS2- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	<ul> <li>Describe how living things interact with each other with examples</li> <li>Determine how organisms are organized by their interactions</li> <li>Identify biotic and abiotic factors</li> <li>Create a model of each level of organization</li> <li>Identify the various types of organisms within an ecosystem</li> <li>Analyze food chains, food webs, and energy pyramids to see how organisms interact within an ecosystem</li> <li>Create food chains and food webs</li> <li>Calculate the amounts of energy that are transferred or lost in an ecosystem (food pyramid)</li> <li>Make a model to demonstrate how energy is transferred through a food chain</li> <li>Explain the types of relationships that exist between organisms and create a classified ad based on that research</li> <li>Analyze data demonstrating the effects of organism interaction on population size</li> </ul>

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		types - Biomes- environmental issues		<ul> <li>Identify the characteristics of various biomes</li> <li>Reflect on various environmental issues that are connected with the various biomes</li> </ul>
14 days	Evolution	<ul> <li>Mutations</li> <li>Adaptations</li> <li>Charles Darwin</li> <li>Theory of evolution</li> <li>Natural selection</li> <li>Camouflage</li> <li>Concealing coloration</li> <li>Disruptive coloration</li> <li>Disruptive coloration</li> <li>Mimicry</li> <li>Radioactive decay</li> <li>Fossils</li> <li>Evidence of evolution <ul> <li>Homologous structures</li> <li>Missing links</li> <li>Similarities in DNA</li> <li>Embryological evidence</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	MS LS3-1 LS4 1, 2, 3, 4, 6	<ul> <li>Explain how physical characteristics of organisms change over generations</li> <li>Demonstrate how species change over time</li> <li>Identify various adaptations and tell how they help organisms</li> <li>Observe how the shape of a bird's beak determines what it eats</li> <li>Demonstrate how camouflage can help an organism to survive in its environment</li> <li>Simulate camouflage in animals</li> <li>Explain the factors that affect natural selection</li> <li>Model evolution using an interactive website</li> <li>Explain what a fossil is and how it forms</li> <li>Calculate the age of fossils using radioactive dating</li> <li>Provide evidence of evolution by tracing the history of whales</li> </ul>
35 days	Classifi- cation	<ul> <li>Scientific names/binomial nomenclature</li> <li>Taxonomy</li> <li>Latin and Greek root words</li> <li>Level of classification from domain to species</li> <li>Dichotomous keys</li> <li>Cladogram</li> <li>Viruses</li> <li>Bacteria/Monera</li> <li>Protists</li> <li>Fungi</li> </ul>	MS LS1- 1, 2, 3, 4 LS4 (all)	<ul> <li>Demonstrate how scientists group things according to their characteristics</li> <li>Demonstrate how to name an organism using scientific names/ binomial nomenclature</li> <li>Determine the levels of classification to show relationships with other organisms</li> <li>Create names for organisms based on observable characteristics using Latin and Greek root words</li> <li>Create a dichotomous key</li> <li>Create a cladogram showing evolutionary relationships</li> <li>Identify a virus type using a dichotomous key</li> <li>Identify the characteristics/ main structures of a virus</li> <li>Explain how viruses reproduce</li> <li>Demonstrate how a viruses/disease spreads throughout a population</li> </ul>

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	<ul> <li>Lichens</li> <li>Non-vascular plants</li> <li>Vascular plants</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identify the characteristics/ main structures of bacteria</li> <li>Identify bacteria type using a dichotomous key</li> <li>Explain the various ways bacteria can get their energy, reproduce and move</li> <li>Identify the characteristics/ main structures of protists</li> <li>Identify protist type using a dichotomous key</li> <li>Explain the various ways protists can get their energy, reproduce and move</li> <li>Create a mini-informational poster about a selected organism</li> <li>Identify the characteristics/ main structures of fungi</li> <li>Identify the characteristics/ main structures of fungi</li> <li>Identify the various ways fungi can get their energy and reproduce</li> <li>Identify the characteristics/ main structures of non-vascular plants</li> <li>Identify the characteristics/ main structures of non-vascular plants</li> <li>Identify the characteristics/ main structures of non-vascular plants</li> <li>Identify the characteristics/ main structures of vascular plants</li> <li>Identify the characteristics/ main structures of vascular plants</li> <li>Identify the characteristics/ main structures of vascular plants</li> <li>Identify vascular plant type using a dichotomous key</li> <li>Explain the various ways vascular plants can get their energy and reproduce</li> <li>Identify the characteristics/ main structures of animals</li> <li>Identify the various ways animals can get their energy, reproduce and move</li> </ul>
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