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General Science Lesson Plans

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Note: Monday and Tuesday will be professional development and teacher work days. Wednesday is the first day of school with a 1:25 dismissal. Thursday and Friday are regular days.

Essential concepts and skills emphasized in the week’s lessons will be highlighted.

Disciplinary Core Ideas

Life Science

From molecules to organisms: Structures and processes

Ecosystems: Interactions, energy, and dynamics

Heredity: Inheritance and variation of traits

Biological Evolution: Unity and diversity

Earth and Space Science

Earth’s place in the universe

Earth’s systems

Earth and human activity

Physical Science

Matter and its interactions

Motion and stability: Forces and interactions

Energy

Waves and their applications in technologies for information transfer

Science and Engineering Practices

Asking questions and defining problems

Developing and using models

Planning and carrying out investigations

Analyzing and interpreting data

Using mathematics and computational thinking

Constructing explanations and designing solutions

Engaging in argument from evidence

Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information

Cross-Cutting Concepts

Patterns

Cause and effect

Scale, proportion, and quantity

Systems and system models

Energy and matter

Structure and function

Stability and change

Monday—doesn’t meet

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Wednesday—shortened schedule

1. Use Whatzits to establish seating chart
2. Take roll call, establish name student wants to use in class
3. Learn about siblings of students
4. Note locker numbers on class lists
5. Talk students through what materials they will need in class, including covering book by Friday for first daily grade

Thursday—

1. Hand out books, record book numbers on class lists
2. Where in the World?—have students identify where they live on copies of plat maps from Carroll, Crawford, Shelby, and Audubon counties
3. Introduce myself to students
4. Use “Have You Ever” to build classroom community—Driven a stick shift, broken a bone, taken a math class, baked cookies from scratch, ridden on a country bus, flown on an airplane, visited Mt. Rushmore, driven a tractor, ridden on a subway
5. Remind students that book covers are due tomorrow
6. Find out what fall extracurricular activities students are involved in

Friday—

1. Check book covers, record daily grades
2. Go over student information sheet, students complete, hand in
3. Assign students general science numbers
4. Model assignment set up (name, science #, assignment)
5. Use Google Classroom to go through guidelines and grading procedures, draw student numbers to find information