SECOND GRADE

The performance expectations in second grade help students formulate answers to questions such as: “How does land change and what are some things that cause it to change? What are the different kinds of land and bodies of water? How are materials similar and different from one another, and how do the properties of the materials relate to their use? What do plants need to grow? How many types of living things live in a place?” Second grade performance expectations include PS1, LS2, LS4, ESS1, ESS2, and ETS1

Disciplinary Core Ideas from the NRC Framework. Students are expected to develop an understanding of what plants need to grow and how plants depend on animals for seed dispersal and pollination. Students are also expected to compare the diversity of life in different habitats. An understanding of observable properties of materials is developed by students at this level through analysis and classification of different materials. Students are able to apply their understanding of the idea that wind and water can change the shape of the land to compare design solutions to slow or prevent such change. Students are able to use information and models to identify and represent the shapes and kinds of land and bodies of water in an area and where water is found on Earth.

The crosscutting concepts of patterns; cause and effect; energy and matter; structure and function; stability and change; and influence of engineering, technology, and science on society and the natural world are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. In the second grade performance expectations, students are expected to demonstrate grade- appropriate proficiency in developing and using models, planning and carrying out investigations, analyzing and interpreting data, constructing explanations and designing solutions, engaging in argument from evidence, and obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information. Students are expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

2. Structure and Properties of Matter

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

2-PS1-1

Plan and conduct an investigation to describe and classify different kinds of materials by their observable properties. [Clarification Statement: Observations could include color, texture, hardness, and flexibility. Patterns could include the similar properties that different materials share.]

2-PS1-2

Analyze data obtained from testing different materials to determine which materials have the properties that are best suited for an intended purpose.* [Clarification Statement: Examples of properties could include, strength, flexibility, hardness, texture, and absorbency.] [*Assessment Boundary: Assessment of quantitative measurements is limited to length.*]

2-PS1-3

Make observations to construct an evidence-based account of how an object made of a small set of pieces can be disassembled and made into a new object. [Clarification Statement: Examples of pieces could include blocks, building bricks, or other assorted small objects.]

2-PS1-4

Construct an argument with evidence that some changes caused by heating or cooling can be reversed and some cannot. [Clarification Statement: Examples of reversible changes could include materials such as water and butter at different temperatures. Examples of irreversible changes could include cooking an egg, freezing a plant leaf, and burning wood.]

2-PS1-1

Students who demonstrate understanding can: Plan and conduct an investigation to describe and classify different kinds of materials by their observable properties.

Clarification Statement: Observations could include color, texture, hardness, and flexibility. Patterns could include the similar properties that different materials share.

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Planning and Carrying Out Investigations • Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence to answer a question.	**PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter** • Different kinds of matter exist and many of them can be either solid or liquid, depending on temperature. Matter can be described and classified by its observable properties.	**Patterns** • Patterns in the natural and human designed world can be observed.

2-PS1-2

Students who demonstrate understanding can: Analyze data obtained from testing different materials to determine which materials have the properties that are best suited for an intended purpose.*

Clarification Statement: Examples of properties could include, strength, flexibility, hardness, texture, and absorbency.

Assessment Boundary: Assessment of quantitative measurements is limited to length.

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Analyzing and Interpreting Data • Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended.	**PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter** • Different properties are suited to different purposes.	**Cause and Effect** • Simple tests can be designed to gather evidence to support or refute student ideas about causes. **Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science** **Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science, on Society and the Natural World** • Every human-made product is designed by applying some knowledge of the natural world and is built using materials derived from the natural world.

2-PS1-3

Students who demonstrate understanding can: Make observations to construct an evidence-based account of how an object made of a small set of pieces can be disassembled and made into a new object.

Clarification Statement: Examples of pieces could include blocks, building bricks, or other assorted small objects.

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education.*

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions • Make observations (firsthand or from media) to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena.	**PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter** • Different properties are suited to different purposes. • A great variety of objects can be built up from a small set of pieces.	**Energy and Matter** • Objects may break into smaller pieces and be put together into larger pieces, or change shapes. **Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science** **Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science, on Society and the Natural World** • Make observations from several sources to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena.

2-PS1-4

Students who demonstrate understanding can: Construct an argument with evidence that some changes caused by heating or cooling can be reversed and some cannot.

Clarification Statement: Examples of reversible changes could include materials such as water and butter at different temperatures. Examples of irreversible changes could include cooking an egg, freezing a plant leaf, and burning wood.

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Engaging in Argument from Evidence • Construct an argument with evidence to support a claim. **Connections to Nature of Science** **Science Models, Laws, Mechanisms, and Theories Explain Natural Phenomena** • Science searches for cause and effect relationships to explain natural events.	**PS1.B: Chemical Reactions** • Heating or cooling a substance may cause changes that can be observed. Sometimes these changes are reversible, and sometimes they are not.	**Cause and Effect** • Events have causes that generate observable patterns.

2. Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

2-LS2-1

Plan and conduct an investigation to determine if plants need sunlight and water to grow. [*Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to testing one variable at a time.*]

2-LS2-2

Develop a simple model that mimics the function of an animal in dispersing seeds or pollinating plants.* [Clarification Statement: Examples can include those components that mimic the natural structure of an animal that helps it disperse seeds (e.g., hair that snares seeds, squirrel cheek pouches that transport seeds) or that mimic the natural structure of an animal that helps it pollinate plants (e.g., bees have fuzzy bodies to which pollen sticks, hummingbirds have bills that transport pollen). Explain how the model disperses seeds or pollinates plants.]

2-LS4-1

Make observations of plants and animals to compare the diversity of life in different habitats. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the diversity of living things in each of a variety of different habitats.] [*Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include specific animal and plant names in specific habitats.*]

2-LS2-1

Students who demonstrate understanding can: Plan and conduct an investigation to determine if plants need sunlight and water to grow.

Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to testing one variable at a time.

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education.*

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Planning and Carrying Out Investigations • Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence to answer a question.	**LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems** • Plants depend on water and light to grow.	**Cause and Effect** • Events have causes that generate observable patterns.

2-LS2-2

Students who demonstrate understanding can: Develop a simple model that mimics the function of an animal in dispersing seeds or pollinating plants.*

Clarification Statement: Examples can include those components that mimic the natural structure of an animal that helps it disperse seeds (e.g., hair that snares seeds, squirrel cheek pouches that transport seeds) or that mimic the natural structure of an animal that helps it pollinate plants (e.g., bees have fuzzy bodies to which pollen sticks, hummingbirds have bills that transport pollen). Explain how the model disperses seeds or pollinates plants.

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Developing and Using Models • Develop a simple model based on evidence to represent a proposed object or tool.	**LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems** • Plants depend on animals for pollination or to move their seeds around. **ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions** • Designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models. These representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem's solutions to other people. *(secondary)*	**Structure and Function** • The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s).

2-LS4-1

Students who demonstrate understanding can: Make observations of plants and animals to compare the diversity of life in different habitats.

Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on the diversity of living things in each of a variety of different habitats.

Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include specific animal and plant names in specific habitats.

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Planning and Carrying Out Investigations • Make observations (firsthand or from media) to collect data which can be used to make comparisons. **Connections to Nature of Science** **Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence** • Scientists look for patterns and order when making observations about the world.	**LS4.D: Biodiversity and Humans** • There are many different kinds of living things in any area, and they exist in different places on land and in water.	

2. Earth's Systems: Processes that Shape the Earth

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

2-ESS1-1

Use information from several sources to provide evidence that Earth events can occur quickly or slowly. [Clarification Statement: Examples of events and timescales could include volcanic explosions, earthquakes, tsunamis, avalanches, and landslides, which happen quickly and events such as erosion of rocks and movement of glaciers, which occur slowly.] [*Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include quantitative measurements of timescales.*]

2-ESS2-1

Compare multiple solutions designed to slow or prevent wind or water from changing the shape of the land.* [Clarification Statement: Examples of solutions could include different designs of dikes and windbreaks to hold back wind and water, and different designs for using shrubs, grass, and trees to hold back the land. Discuss the solutions for controlling erosion.]

2-ESS2-2

Develop a model to represent the shapes and kinds of land and bodies of water in an area. [Clarifying Statement: Discuss the features of the models.] [*Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include quantitative scaling in models.*]

2-ESS2-3

Obtain information to identify where water is found on Earth and that it can be solid or liquid.

2-ESS1-1

Students who demonstrate understanding can: Use information from several sources to provide evidence that Earth events can occur quickly or slowly.

Clarification Statement: Examples of events and timescales could include volcanic explosions, earthquakes, tsunamis, avalanches, and landslides, which happen quickly and events such as erosion of rocks and movement of glaciers, which occur slowly.

Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include quantitative measurements of timescales.

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*.

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions • Make observations from several sources to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena.	**ESS1.C: The History of Planet Earth** • Some events happen very quickly; others occur very slowly, over a time period much longer than one can observe.	**Stability and Change** • Things may change slowly or rapidly.

2-ESS2-1

Students who demonstrate understanding can: Compare multiple solutions designed to slow or prevent wind or water from changing the shape of the land.*

Clarification Statement: Examples of solutions could include different designs of dikes and windbreaks to hold back wind and water, and different designs for using shrubs, grass, and trees to hold back the land. Discuss the solutions for controlling erosion.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education.*

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions • Compare multiple solutions to a problem.	**ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems** • Wind and water can change the shape of the land. **ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution** • Because there is always more than one possible solution to a problem, it is useful to compare and test designs. *(secondary)*	**Stability and Change** • Things may change slowly or rapidly. **Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science** **Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World** • Developing and using technology has impacts on the natural world. **Connections to Nature of Science** **Science Addresses Questions About the Natural and Material World** • Scientists study the natural and material world.

2-ESS2-2

Students who demonstrate mastery can: Develop a model to represent the shapes and kinds of land and bodies of water in an area.

Clarification Statement: Discuss the features of the models.

Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include quantitative scaling in models.

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education.*

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Developing and Using Models • Develop a model to represent patterns in the natural world.	**ESS2.B: Plate Tectonics and Large-Scale System Interactions** • Maps show where things are located. One can map the shapes and kinds of land and water in any area.	**Patterns** • Patterns in the natural world can be observed.

2-ESS2-3

Students who demonstrate mastery can: Obtain information to identify where water is found on Earth and that it can be solid or liquid.

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information • Obtain information using various texts, text features (e.g., headings, tables of contents, glossaries, electronic menus, icons), and other media that will be useful in answering a scientific question.	**ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface Processes** • Water is found in the ocean, rivers, lakes, and ponds. Water exists as solid ice and in liquid form.	**Patterns** • Patterns in the natural world can be observed.

K-2.Engineering Design

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

K-2-ETS1-1

Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change to define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.

K-2-ETS1-2

Develop a simple sketch, drawing, or physical model to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function as needed to solve a given problem. [Clarifying Statement: Explain how the model functions to solve the problem.]

K-2-ETS1-3

Analyze and discuss data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths and weaknesses of how each performs.

K-2-ETS1-1

Students who demonstrate understanding can: Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change to define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education.*

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Asking Questions and Defining Problems • Ask questions based on observations to find more information about the natural and/or designed world(s). • Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.	**ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems** • A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering. • Asking questions, making observations, and gathering information are helpful in thinking about problems. • Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly understand the problem.	

K-2-ETS1-2

Students who demonstrate understanding can: Develop a simple sketch, drawing, or physical model to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function as needed to solve a given problem.

Clarifying Statement: Explain how the model functions to solve the problem.

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education.*

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Developing and Using Models • Develop a simple model based on evidence to represent a proposed object or tool.	**ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions** • Designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models. These representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem's solutions to other people.	**Structure and Function** • The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s).

K-2-ETS1-3

Students who demonstrate understanding can: Analyze and discuss data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths and weaknesses of how each performs.

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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
Analyzing and Interpreting Data • Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended.	**ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution** • Because there is always more than one possible solution to a problem, it is useful to compare and test designs.	