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Ideas & Inventions Unit Design - Grade 3

The **Ideas and Inventions Module** consists of four sequential investigations promoting the inquiry process that promote student creativity and inventiveness. Each investigation provides valuable science content while introducing a conventional technique for revealing the unseen.

RI Statements of Enduring Knowledge - (Established Goals):

ESS2 – The earth is part of a solar system, made up of distinct parts that have temporal and spatial interrelationships.

PS1- All living and nonliving things are composed of matter having characteristics properties that distinguish one substance from another (independent of size or amount of substance).

PS2 – Energy is necessary for change to occur in matter. Energy can be stored, transferred, and transformed, but cannot be destroyed.

PS3 – The motion of an object is affected by forces.

Related Rhode Island GSE's (Understandings)	RI Assessment Targets (Assessment Evidence) High Emphasis Targets**
ESS2 (3-4)-7 Students demonstrate an understanding of temporal or positional relationships between or among the Earth, sun, and moon by 7a observing that the sun, moon, and stars appear to move slowly across the sky.	Local Level Only (No further ESS Targets K-4)
7b observing that the moon looks slightly different from day to day, but looks the same again in about 4 weeks. ESS3 (3-4)-9 Students demonstrate understanding of processes and change over time within the system of the universe (Scale, Distances, Star Formation, Theories, Instrumentation)	Science Stories, pp. 33-34, 37 Science Stories, pp. 34-36
by 9a recognizing that throughout history people have identified patterns of stars that we call constellations. PS1 (3-4)-1	
Students demonstrate an understanding of characteristic properties of matter by	Science Stories, p. 37

Related Rhode Island GSE's (Understandings)	RI Assessment Targets (Assessment Evidence) High Emphasis Targets**
1a identifying, comparing, and sorting objects by similar or different physical properties (e.g., size, shape, color, texture, smell, weight, temperature 1b citing evidence (e.g., prior knowledge, data) to support conclusions about why objects are grouped together.	PS1 (K-4) – INQ–1** Collect and organize data about physical properties in order to classify objects or draw conclusions about objects and their characteristic properties (e.g., temperature, color, size, shape, weight, texture, flexibility). Investigation 2, Parts 1-2, pp. 8-19
Students demonstrate an understanding of physical changes by 1c observing and describing physical changes (e.g., freezing, thawing, torn piece of paper).	Investigation 2, Parts 1-2, pp. 8-19
PS2 (3-4)-5 Students demonstrate an understanding of energy by	Investigation 1, Parts 1-2, pp. 8-17 Investigation 3, Parts 1-2, pp. 8-17
5a investigating observable effects of light using a variety of light sources (e.g., light travels in a straight line until it interacts with an object, blocked light rays produce shadows). 5b predicting, describing and investigating how light rays are reflected, refracted, or absorbed. PS3 (3-4)-7 Students demonstrate an understanding of motion by	PS2 (K-4) – SAE–5 Use observations of light in relation to other objects/substances to describe the properties of light (can be reflected, refracted, or absorbed). Investigation 4, Parts 1-3, pp. 8-21 Investigation 4, Parts 1-3, pp. 8-21 Science Stories, pp. 28-32
7b describing change in position relative to other objects or background	PS3 (K-4) – INQ + SAE–7** Use data to predict how a change in force (greater/less might affect the position, direction of motion, or speed of an object (e.g., ramps and balls) Investigation 3, Parts 1-2, pp. 8-17

Investigation- Time (45min. periods)	Investigation	Focus Questions (Essential Questions)	Big Ideas (Understandings Words in bold are important for science vocabulary development, and should be used for word walls .
1-(2)	Leaf Rubbings	Can you use rubbing techniques to learn about objects? What can leaf rubbing tell you about a leaf?	 Texture refers to the surface of a material. Pattern is a design or arrangement of objects Veins transport materials in a leaf Leaf-venation patterns can be organized into three types: parallel, palmate, and pinnate
2-(3)	Carbon Printing	How can we look for patterns on finely textured objects like fingers? How are fingerprints alike and different? Can you solve a mystery using fingerprints?	 Carbon printing is a technique used to make fine textures visible Fingerprints can be stored into three groups based on patterns: whorl, arch, and loop No two people have the same fingerprints
3-(3)	Color Writing	How could we find out what pigments are used in different color markers? Can you solve a mystery using paper chromatography?	 Chromatography uses water to carry pigments from one place to another Paper chromatography reveals pigments in watercolor inks The process of water moving through paper is called wicking

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4-(4) Reflecting	What can you see with mirrors that you cannot see without one? How can a mirror be used to find a line of symmetry? Can you make a rear view mirror for your desk? How can you see through a book using a mirror? How does a periscope work?	 Light travels in a straight line Symmetry is an arrangement in which the parts on the opposite sides of a center line are the same Mirror images are a result of light reflected from a surface An image produced by something that reflects, such as a mirror, is always reversed right to left Mirrors can be used to determine symmetry in objects always reversed right to left Mirrors can be used to determine symmetry

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