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### Essential Questions
- Why do scientists use a standard measurement system?
- What constitutes useful scientific evidence?
- How is scientific knowledge constructed?
- How do we build, refine, and explain the natural and designed world?

### Big Ideas
- develop well written lab analyses supported by experimental results and scientific laws.
- demonstrate appropriate lab safety techniques.
- apply the metric system to scientific investigations.

### Learning Targets - students will be able to;
- explain the difference between dependent and independent variables.
- proper lab safety techniques.
- Identify and explain how to create a “testable” hypothesis.
- Demonstrate how to follow correct protocol for identifying and reporting safety problems and violations.
- Compare and contrast the concepts of weight and mass.

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### Differentiation

Hands-on Activities
## Content Standards

What state content standards are to be addressed?

- 5.2.8.A
- 5.2.8.B
- 5.1A-D

## Approaches to Learning

**Observation skills** - observing and communicating data in a lab report

**Analyzing skills** – recognizing relationships

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**Scientific Inquiry Skills** – formulate questions, hypothesize and conduct experiments

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## Resources

Prentice Hall Science Explorer: Physical Science, 2009
Unit Title | 8.2 Properties of Liquids
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Time frame | 3 Weeks
21st Century Themes | Creativity and Innovation
| Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
| Communication and Collaboration
| Productivity and Accountability
| Leadership and Responsibility
Interdisciplinary focus and technology integration | Technology
| Math

### Essential Questions

- How can density determine if an object floats or sinks?
- How do the properties of materials determine their use?

### Big Ideas

- the relationship between different objects and their ability to float.
- complete labs investigating adhesion, cohesion and surface tension as properties of liquids

### Learning Targets - students will be able to;

- calculate how to find the density of solids and liquids.
- Explain that density allows us to layer liquids on top of each other.
- Explain the relationship between molecular attraction, adhesion, cohesion capillary action and surface tension.

### Assessment

| Rubrics | Teacher-created Assessment |
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### Differentiation

- Hands-on Activities
- Diagnostic Assessment
- Kinaesthetic
- Re-teaching
- Enrichment Activities
- Cooperative Learning
- Peer Tutoring
## Tiered Instruction

### Alternative Assessment

### Content Standards

What state content standards are to be addressed?

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| 5.2.8.A |  
| 5.2.8.B |  
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### Approaches to Learning

**Observation skills**: observing and communicating data in a lab report

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### Learning Experiences

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| • Sink or Swim? Lab: Conduct inquiry lab in which the students determine which types of objects sink or float. (Is there a relationship between mass, volume and floating/sinking?) Write a well written lab report. |  
| • Introduce the relationship between mass, volume and density. |  
| • Build a Boat Lab: Conduct a lab in which students design a boat out of given materials to hold as many pennies as possible. Write a well written lab report. |  
| • Introduce molecular attraction, adhesion, cohesion capillary action and surface tension. |  
| • Properties of Water Lab: Students will conduct a station lab in which students test the properties of water. Write a well written lab report. |  

### Teaching Strategies

|  |  
|---|---|
| • Evaluation of lab reports, rubrics to assess writing, written assessment |  
| • Peer/group discussion, lecture, board work, evaluations, discussion of lab work, use of technology |  
| • Utilization of key terms |  

### Resources

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### Essential Questions

- How do balanced and unbalanced forces affect motion?
- How do Newton’s Laws explain the relationship between forces and motion?
- How can energy be transferred from one material to another?

### Big Ideas

- The motion of an object can be described by its position, speed, direction, and acceleration
- An unbalanced force that acts on an object will cause a change in the object’s motion

### Learning Targets—students will be able to;

- Give an operational definition for force and motion and summarize their relationship
- Apply the formulas used to calculate acceleration and momentum
- Identify and describe Newton’s Laws of motion
- Describe the motion of an object from various vantage points
- Demonstrate and explain the frictional force acting on an object with the use of a physical model
- Calculate speed of an object when given distance and time
- Show the relationship between potential and kinetic energy.

### Assessment

- Rubrics: Teacher-created Assessment
- Lab Reports: Classroom Participation
- Homework completion: Group Participation
## Differentiation

Hands-on Activities
Diagnostic Assessment
Kinaesthetic
Re-teaching
Enrichment Activities
Cooperative Learning
Peer Tutoring
Tiered Instruction
Alternative Assessment

## Content Standards

What state content standards are to be addressed?

- 5.2.6.C.1
- 5.2.6.C.2
- 5.2.6.C.3
- 5.2.8.C.1
- 5.2.8.C.2
- 5.1A-D

## Approaches to Learning

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## Learning Experiences

- “Define and discuss speed and velocity. Calculate basic speed=distance/time word problems and graph various speed/time relationships.
- Paper Airplane Lab: Students will practice calculating speed, distance and time while designing the farthest flying paper airplane. Write a well written lab report.
- Define and discuss balanced and unbalanced forces and the motion of an object when acted upon by external forces.
- Introduce Newton’s first law and inertia. Discuss the relationship between inertia, car crashes, seatbelts and airbags.
- “Egg-stra” Safe Car Design Lab: Students design a container which will protect a raw egg when dropped from the roof of the school. Write a well written lab report.
- Inertia Stations Lab: tablecloth pull, penny on an index card flick, inertia tower, bowling ball dribble and mini-skateboard ramp. Write a well written lab report.

## Teaching Strategies

- Evaluation of lab reports, rubrics to assess writing, written assessment
- Peer/group discussion, lecture, board work, evaluations, discussion of lab work, use of technology
- Utilization of key terms
- Introduce Newton’s second law. Discuss the relationship between force, mass and acceleration. Discuss the relationship between mass, velocity and momentum. Complete word problems.
- Discuss the Law of Conservation of Momentum. Ball drop demo: Drop a tennis ball on top of a basketball. Students will also create alternative demos and predict their results.
- Conservation of Momentum Lab: How far will a marble roll up a hill? Why will the marble never reach its original height? Transfer of Momentum in a marble crash. Write a well written lab report.
- Define and discuss Newton’s third law.
- Balloon Car Lab: Students design a car that is powered solely by the air being expelled from a balloon. Write a well written lab report.
- Define and discuss free fall, air resistance, terminal velocity and gravity. Demonstrate hammer vs. feather drop. Calculate the acceleration of different objects during free fall. Explore the myth that a penny will kill a human if dropped from a tall building.
- Calculate the effects of air resistance on free fall by completing word problems.
- Introduce Amusement Park physics. Define and discuss kinetic energy, potential energy, free fall, projectile motion, centripetal force and friction as they relate to roller coasters.
- Centripetal force demo: Spin a cup of water tied to a string around your head in a circle.
- Roller Coaster Lab: Students will use foam tubes and marbles to create mini roller coasters. (Friction from different tubes, weight of marbles and height of release will be the variables explored.) Write a well written lab report.
- Roller coaster design project: Students construct model roller coasters they would like to be seen built at great adventure. Physics forces must be labeled and explained in full detail.

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### Essential Questions
- What is the relationship between temperature, pressure and volume of a gas?
- How does conservation of mass apply to the interaction of materials in a closed system?
- How do we know that things have energy?

### Big Ideas
- The relationship between temperature and pressure.
- Investigate the relationship between volume and pressure.
- Charles' and Boyle's Laws predicts the behavior of gasses.
- Predict and examine changes in pressure as altitude or depth changes.

### Learning Targets - students will be able to;
- compare and contrast the difference between heat and temperature.
- Explain how a thermometer effectively measures temperature.
- Describe that objects expand when heated and contract when cooled, as explained by kinetic molecular theory.
- Identify and explain which household materials make good conductors or insulators.
- Compare and contrast the difference between conduction, convection and radiation heat.

### Assessment
- Rubrics: Teacher-created Assessment
- Lab Reports: Classroom Participation
- Homework completion: Group Participation
### Differentiation

- Hands-on Activities
- Diagnostic Assessment
- Kinaesthetic
- Re-teaching
- Enrichment Activities
- Cooperative Learning
- Peer Tutoring
- Tiered Instruction
- Alternative Assessment

### Content Standards

What state content standards are to be addressed?

- 5.2.8.A
- 5.2.8.B
- 5.2.8.C
- 5.2.8.D
- 5.4.8.E
- 5.4.8.F
- 5.1A-D

### Approaches to Learning

- Observation skills: observing and communicating data in a lab report
- Analyzing skills – recognizing relationships
- Evaluation skills: developing criteria for judging their own work
- Scientific Inquiry Skills – formulate questions, hypothesize and conduct experiments
- Inquiry skills – formulate questions, hypothesize and conduct experiments

### Learning Experiences

- Define and discuss pressure, heat and temperature. Predict their relationship to each other.
- Deduce the relationship between heat and pressure and the relationship between volume and pressure through a series of labs.
- Pressure Labs: Collapsing Soda Can, Cartesian Diver, Get an Egg into a Flask, Inverted Balloon, Hot vs. Cold Balloons. Conclusions will lead to the discovery of Charles’ and Boyle’s Laws. Write a well written lab report.

### Teaching Strategies

- Evaluation of lab reports, rubrics to assess writing, written assessment
- Peer/group discussion, lecture, board work, evaluations, discussion of lab work, use of technology
- Utilization of key terms
- Post lab discussion of results from pressure labs. Define Charles’ and Boyle’s Laws and kinetic molecular theory.
- Discuss the changes in pressure as altitude or depth changes.
- Demo: Mini-marshmallow in a syringe to represent the effects of pressure on a person’s eardrums (Boyle’s Law).
- Compare and contrast heat and temperature.
- Insulator Lab: Students investigate the effectiveness of household materials on maintaining the temperature of a beaker of hot water over the course of time. Write a well written lab report.
- Define and discuss convection, conduction and radiation heat.
- Popcorn Lab: Students explore conduction, convection and radiation as methods for making popcorn. Which method tastes the best?

**Resources**

Prentice Hall Science Explorer: Physical Science, 2009
**Unit Title**

8.5 Properties of Matter

**Time frame**

3-4 weeks

**21st Century Themes**

- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Communication and Collaboration
- Productivity and Accountability
- Leadership and Responsibility

**Interdisciplinary focus and technology integration**

- Technology
- Math
- Social Studies

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**Essential Questions**

- What determines if something is a solid, liquid or gas?
- How can water be used to determine the density of a substance?
- How does the movement of particles help to identify the states of matter?

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**Big Ideas**

- Matter can be identified by its properties

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**Learning Targets-students will be able to;**

- Identify and explain the difference between homogeneous and heterogeneous substances, pure substances and mixtures, colloids and suspensions, solutes and solvents and elements and compounds.
- the difference between unsaturated, saturated and supersaturated solutions.
- Compare and contrast the three phases of matter.
- Compare and contrast the phases of the water cycle.
- Explain how to effectively purify contaminated water.

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**Assessment**

- Rubrics
- Lab Reports
- Teacher-Created Assessment
- Classroom Participation
Homework Completion Group Participation

**Differentiation**

- Hands-on Activities
- Diagnostic Assessment
- Kinaesthetic
- Re-teaching
- Enrichment Activities
- Cooperative Learning
- Peer Tutoring
- Tiered Instruction
- Alternative Assessment

**Content Standards**

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**Approaches to Learning**

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- **Analyzing skills** – recognizing relationships
- **Evaluation skills** - developing criteria for judging their own work
- **Scientific Inquiry Skills** – formulate questions, hypothesize and conduct experiments
- **Inquiry skills** – formulate questions, hypothesize and conduct experiments

**Learning Experiences**

- Create a graphic organizer to define and discuss homogeneous and heterogeneous substances, pure substances and mixtures, colloids and suspensions, solutes and solvents and elements and compounds.
- Play *What’s the Matter* Game: Students observe (without touching) 10 different cups of mystery matter. They guess what substance is in the cup and what type of matter it is.
- Polymer Lab: What type of matter is a polymer? Students create four different types of polymers. Write a well written lab report.
- Define and discuss solutions, solvents and solvents. Compare and contrast unsaturated, saturated and supersaturated solutions.
- Rock Candy Lab: Students create rock candy to explore the different types of solutions. Write a well written lab report.
- Salt and Sugar Lab: Students deduce the affect of salinity on the boiling point and freezing point of water. Write a well written lab report.
- Demo: Can you make an egg float in water? Students develop methods for trying to make an egg float. Discuss the affect of salt on the

**Teaching Strategies**

- Evaluation of lab reports, rubrics to assess writing, written assessment
- Peer/group discussion, lecture, board work, evaluations, discussion of lab work, use of technology
- Utilization of key terms
- Define and discuss the three phases of matter and the physical and chemical properties associated with each.
- Discuss how the phases of matter play a key role in the effectiveness of the water cycle.
- Purification of Water Lab: Students recreate the water cycle in a beaker to purify a sample of contaminated water. Each phase of the water cycle is clearly demonstrated. Write a well written lab report.”

**Resources**

Prentice Hall Science Explorer: Physical Science, 2009
## Unit Title

**8. 6 Chemistry in Action (Atoms, Elements, and Chemical Reactions)**

### Time frame
6-8 weeks

### 21st Century Themes
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Communication and Collaboration
- Productivity and Accountability
- Leadership and Responsibility

### Interdisciplinary focus and technology integration
- Technology
- Math

## Essential Questions
- What is the difference between an ionic bond and a covalent bond?
- How can the Periodic Table provide information about elements and their properties?
- What does an atom look like?
- What are the observable characteristics that a chemical reaction has occurred?
- Why do chemical equations need to be balanced?

## Big Ideas
- The Periodic Table of Elements allows us to identify characteristics of elements and predict similarities between the elements
- Chemical reactions occur based on the structure of an atom
- The production of a new substance shows that a chemical reaction has occurred

## Learning Targets—students will be able to;
- Explain how Mendeleev used the periodic table to predict the properties of undiscovered elements.
- Demonstrate how to read and understand the periodic table.
- Create and explain how to draw a Bohr diagram.
- Compare and contrast the difference between synthesis, decomposition, single displacement and double displacement reactions.
- Compare and contrast the difference between exothermic and endothermic reactions.

## Assessment
- Rubrics
- Teacher-created Assessment
### Differentiation

**Hands-on Activities**
- Diagnostic Assessment
- Kinaesthetic
- Re-teaching
- Enrichment Activities
- Cooperative Learning
- Peer Tutoring
- Tiered Instruction
- Alternative Assessment

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### Approaches to Learning

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- **Analyzing skills** – recognizing relationships
- **Evaluation skills** - developing criteria for judging their own work
- **Scientific Inquiry Skills** – formulate questions, hypothesize and conduct experiments
- **Inquiry skills** – formulate questions, hypothesize and conduct experiments

### Learning Experiences

- Preview the essential questions and connect to learning throughout the unit.
- Discuss periodic table of the elements, its history and its uses.
- Color code a periodic table to become familiar with similarities in structure and properties.
- Practice reading the periodic table to determine the number of protons, neutrons and electrons in a given element.
- Discuss Bohr diagrams. Practice creating Bohr diagrams with manipulatives. Create Bohr diagrams from scratch.
- Fireworks Lab: Students will

### Teaching Strategies

- Evaluation of lab reports, rubrics to assess writing, written assessment
- Peer/group discussion, lecture, board work, evaluations, discussion of lab work, use of technology
- Utilization of key terms
investigate the reaction that takes place when electrons “jump” into different valance shells by experimenting with chemicals used to make fireworks. Write a well written lab report.

- Distinguish between elements and compounds. Discuss counting the number of elements in a given compound. Discuss rules involving coefficients, subscripts and parentheses.
- Discuss the Law of Conservation of Matter and balancing equations. Practice balancing equations.
- Discuss the four types of reactions that can take place in during an experiment (i.e. synthesis, decomposition, single displacement and double displacement). Identify the type of reaction taking place by examining a balanced equation. Identify if a reaction is endothermic or exothermic.

**Resources**

Prentice Hall Science Explorer: Physical Science, 2009
Unit Title | 8.7 Acids and Bases
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Time frame | 3-4 Weeks

21st Century Themes
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Communication and Collaboration
- Productivity and Accountability
- Leadership and Responsibility

Interdisciplinary focus and technology integration
- Technology
- Math

### Essential Questions
- What is the difference between an acid and a base?
- How do acids and bases aid in digestion?
- Distinguish between acids and bases.
- Examine pH measurement and how pH paper works.
- Investigate the causes of acid rain.
- Experiment with the effects of acid rain on different materials.
- Investigate how acids and bases play a key role in digestion.

### Big Ideas
- Distinguish between acids and bases.
- Examine pH measurement and how pH paper works.
- Investigate the causes of acid rain.
- Experiment with the effects of acid rain on different materials.
- Investigate how acids and bases play a key role in digestion.

### Learning Targets - students will be able to:
- Compare and contrast the difference between acids and bases.
- Describe how to measure the pH of a solution.
- Explain how to make a natural pH indicator from red cabbage.
- Describe how acid rain forms and how it affects the environment.
- Explain how acids and bases play a key role in digestion.

### Assessment
- Rubrics: Teacher-created Assessment
- Lab Reports: Classroom Participation
- Homework completion: Group Participation
### Differentiation

- Hands-on Activities
- Diagnostic Assessment
- Kinaesthetic
- Re-teaching
- Enrichment Activities
- Cooperative Learning
- Peer Tutoring
- Tiered Instruction
- Alternative Assessment

### Content Standards

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### Approaches to Learning

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- **Analyzing skills** – recognizing relationships
- **Evaluation skills** - developing criteria for judging their own work
- **Scientific Inquiry Skills** – formulate questions, hypothesize and conduct experiments
- **Inquiry skills** – formulate questions, hypothesize and conduct experiments

### Learning Experiences | Teaching Strategies
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- Preview the essential questions and connect to learning throughout the unit.
- Define and discuss the distinguishing properties of acids and bases, including household examples, common uses and effects on the body.
- Examine pH measurement by discussing the effectiveness of pH paper, how pH paper works and practice measuring solutions with pH paper.
- Cabbage Indicator Lab: Students will create a natural pH indicator with red cabbage and compare its effectiveness to standard pH paper. Write a well written lab report.
- Evaluation of lab reports, rubrics to assess writing, written assessment
- Peer/group discussion, lecture, board work, evaluations, discussion of lab work, use of technology
- Utilization of key terms
lab report.

- Discuss the causes and effects of acid rain. Examine before and after photos of a variety of structures deteriorated by acid rain. (i.e. monuments, buildings, Statue of Liberty, etc.)
- Hands on Activity: Students will experiment with the effects of acid rain over time on limestone, wood, plastic and metal.
- Hands on Activity: Students will collect samples of rain water over time to determine if acid rain is present in Stanhope. Keep a class log of results.
- Seed Germination and Acid Rain Lab: Students will explore the effects of acid rain over time on seed germination by determining which pH is ideal for plant growth and which is detrimental. Write a well written lab report.
- Discuss the digestive system and the essential roles that acids and bases play in food digestion. Students explore life size human model and identify organs and match them with their function in the digestive system.

Resources

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## Unit Title
8.8 Electricity and Magnetism

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### Essential Questions
- How do magnets interact?
- What is electric current?
- What is the relationship between electricity and magnetism?

### Big Ideas
- There is a relationship between magnetism and electricity

### Learning Targets—students will be able to;
- Conduct an investigation of the forces of magnets
- Identify the connection between electricity and magnetism
- Explain the parts of the light bulb
- Compare and contract conductors and insulators of electricity
- Show how magnetism can be used to generate electricity
- Note the differences on parallel and series circuits
- Explain the difference between like and unlike charges.

### Assessment
- Rubrics
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### Differentiation
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# Unit Title
## 8.9 Sound and Light

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## 21st Century Themes
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Communication and Collaboration
- Productivity and Accountability
- Leadership and Responsibility

## Interdisciplinary focus and technology integration
- Technology
- History
- Math
- Language Arts
- Art

## Essential Questions
- How does a mechanical wave transfer energy?
- What are the properties of a sound wave?
- How does light interact with matter?

## Big Ideas
- Energy travels in waves

## Learning Targets—students will be able to;
- define waves and identify what causes them
- list and describe the basic properties of waves
- describe how a wave’s speed is related to its wavelength and frequency
- identify and compare reflection, refraction and diffraction
- define sound and explain how it travels through different mediums
- explain the relationship between frequency and pitch in addition to its intensity
- identify the structures of the ear and how it interprets body waves
- how the electromagnetic spectrum is arranged
- to identify the structures of the eye and how light is sensed and interpreted as images

## Assessment
- Rubrics
- Lab Reports
- Homework Completion
- Diagramming and identifying different wave patterns
- Teacher-created Assessment
- Classroom Participation
- Group Participation
### Differentiation

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### Content Standards

What state content standards are to be addressed?

| 5.2.6.C.1 | 5.2.6.C.2 | 5.2.6.C.3 | 5.2.8.C.1 | 5.2.8.C.2 | 5.1 |

### Approaches to Learning

- **Observation skills**: observing and communicating data in a lab report
- **Analyzing skills**: recognizing relationships
- **Evaluation skills**: developing criteria for judging their own work
- **Scientific Inquiry Skills**: formulate questions, hypothesize and conduct experiments
- **Inquiry skills**: formulate questions, hypothesize and conduct experiments

### Learning Experiences | Teaching Strategies

| “Wavy Motions” | Evaluation of lab reports, rubrics to assess writing, written assessment |
| “How do waves travel” | Peer/group discussion, lecture, board work, evaluations, discussion of lab work, use of technology |
| “Changing Colors” | Utilization of key terms |
| “In the Heat of the Light” | |
| “Can you see everything with one eye?” | |
| “Working with lenses and refraction” | |

### Resources

Prentice Hall Science Explorer: Physical Science