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*The performance expectations marked with an asterisk integrate traditional science content with engineering through a Practice or Disciplinary Core Idea.

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2-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics

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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.*

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 Modeling in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to include using and developing models (i.e., diagram, drawing, physical replica, diorama, dramatization, or storyboard) that represent concrete events or design solutions. Develop a simple model based on evidence to represent a proposed object or tool. (2-LS2-2) Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to 	 LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems Plants depend on water and light to grow. (2-LS2-1) Plants depend on animals for pollination or to move their seeds around. (2-LS2-2) 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 to 2-LS2-2) 	 Cause and Effect Events have causes that generate observable patterns. (2-LS2-1) Structure and Function The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s). (2-LS2-2)

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	ively to produce data to serve		
	sis for evidence to answer a		
	(2-LS2-1)		
	to other DCIs in second grade: N/A		
	of DCIs across grade-bands: K.LS1.C (2-LS2-1); K-ESS3.A (2-LS2-1); K.ETS1.A (2-LS2-2); 5.LS1.C (2-LS2-1); 5.LS2.A		
(2-LS2-2)			
	California Common Core State Standards Connections:		
	ELA/Literacy –		
W.2.7	V.2.7 Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations). (2-LS2-1)		
W.2.8	Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (2-LS2-1)		
SL.2.5	5 Create audio recordings of stories or poems; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings. (2-LS2-2)		
	Mathematics –		
MP.2			
MP.4			
MP.5	Use appropriate tools strategically. (2-LS2-1)		
2.MD.10	Draw a picture graph and a bar graph (with single-unit scale) to represent a data set with up to four categories. Solve simple put-together, take-apart, and compare problems using information presented in a bar graph. (2-LS2-2)		

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2-LS4 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity

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Students who demonstrate understanding can:		
2-LS4-1. Make observations of plants and animals to compare the diversity of life in different habitats. [Clarification		
•	diversity of living things in each of a variety o	
	pecific animal and plant names in specific ha	
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Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
 Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple investigations, based on fair tests, which provide data to support explanations or design solutions. Make observations (firsthand or from media) to collect data which can be used to make comparisons. (2-LS4-1) 	 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-LS4-1) 	
Connections to Nature of Science		

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Empirical E Scientists	s look for patterns and order king observations about the		
Connection	s to other DCIs in second grade: N	I/A	
Articulation	Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: 3.LS4.C (2-LS4-1); 3.LS4.D (2-LS4-1); 5.LS2.A (2-LS4-1)		
California C	California Common Core State Standards Connections:		
ELA/Literac	ELA/Literacy –		
W.2.7	.7 Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations). (2-LS4-1)		
W.2.8	Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a guestion. (2-LS4-1)		
Mathematic	Mathematics –		
MP.2	P.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (2-LS4-1)		
MP.4	Model with mathematics. (2-LS4-1)		
2.MD.10	Draw a picture graph and a bar graph (with single-unit scale) to represent a data set with up to four categories. Solve simple put-together, take-apart, and compare problems using information presented in a bar graph. (2-LS4-1)		

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2-ESS1 Earth's Place in the Universe

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Students who demonstrate understanding can:		
2-ESS1-1. Use information from several sources to provide evidence that Earth events can occur quickly or slowly.		
-	ples of events and timescales could include v	
	rocks, which occurs slowly.] [Assessment Bo	undary: Assessment does not include
quantitative measurements of		-
The performance expectations above were	e developed using the following elements from Science Education:	the NRC document A Framework for K–12
Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
 Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Constructing explanations and designing solutions in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to the use of evidence and ideas in constructing evidence-based accounts of natural phenomena and designing solutions. Make observations (firsthand or from media) to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena. (2- ESS1-1) 	 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. (2-ESS1-1) 	 Stability and Change Things may change slowly or rapidly. (2- ESS1-1)
Connections to other DCIs in second grade: N/A		
	L S2.C (2-ESS1-1); 4.ESS1.C (2-ESS1-1); 4.E	SS2.A (2-ESS1-1)
California Common Core State Standards Connections:		
ELA/Literacy –		

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RI.2.1	Ask and answer such questions as <i>who</i> , <i>what</i> , <i>where</i> , <i>when</i> , <i>why</i> , and <i>how</i> to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. (2-ESS1-1)
RI.2.3	Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. (2-ESS1-1)
W.2.6	With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers. (2-ESS1-1)
W.2.7	Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations). (2-ESS1-1)
W.2.8	Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (2-ESS1-1)
SL.2.2	Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media. a. Give and follow three- and four-step oral directions. CA (2-ESS1-1)
Mathematics	S –
MP.2	Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (2-ESS1-1)
MP.4	Model with mathematics. (2-ESS1-1)
2.NBT.1-4	Understand place value. (2-ESS1-1)

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2-ESS2 Earth's Systems

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Students who demonstrate understanding can:			
2-ESS2-1. Compare multiple solutions designed to slow or prevent wind or water from changing the shape of the land.*			
[Clarification Statement: Exam	[Clarification Statement: Examples of solutions could include different designs of dikes and windbreaks to hold back		
wind and water, and different d	lesigns for using shrubs, grass, and trees to h	nold back the land.]	
2-ESS2-2. Develop a model to represen	nt the shapes and kinds of land and bodies	of water in an area. [Assessment	
Boundary: Assessment does n	ot include quantitative scaling in models.]		
2-ESS2-3. Obtain information to identify	y where water is found on Earth and that it	t can be solid or liquid.	
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	Science Education:		
Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts	
Developing and Using Models	ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems	Patterns	
Modeling in K–2 builds on prior	Wind and water can change the shape	Patterns in the natural world can be	
experiences and progresses to include	of the land. (2-ESS2-1)	observed. (2-ESS2-2),(2-ESS2-3)	
using and developing models (i.e.,	ESS2.B: Plate Tectonics and Large-	Stability and Change	
diagram, drawing, physical replica,	Scale System Interactions	 Things may change slowly or rapidly. (2- 	
diorama, dramatization, or storyboard) that	Maps show where things are located.	ESS2-1)	
represent concrete events or design	One can map the shapes and kinds of		
solutions.	land and water in any area. (2-ESS2-2)		
Develop a model to represent patterns	ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's	Connections to Engineering,	
in the natural world. (2-ESS2-2)	Surface Processes	Technology,	
Constructing Explanations and • Water is found in the ocean, rivers, and Applications of Sc		and Applications of Science	
Designing Solutions	lakes, and ponds. Water exists as solid		
Constructing explanations and designing	ice and in liquid form. (2-ESS2-3)	Influence of Engineering, Technology,	
solutions in K–2 builds on prior	ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution	and Science on Society and the Natural	

 experiences and progresses to the use of evidence and ideas in constructing evidence-based accounts of natural phenomena and designing solutions. Compare multiple solutions to a problem. (2-ESS2-1) Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in K-2 builds on prior experiences and uses observations and texts to communicate new 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. (2-ESS2-3) 	 Because there is always more than one possible solution to a problem, it is useful to compare and test designs. (secondary to 2-ESS2-1) 	 World Developing and using technology has impacts on the natural world. (2-ESS2-1) <i>Connections to Nature of Science</i> Science Addresses Questions About the Natural and Material World Scientists study the natural and material world. (2-ESS2-1) 	
Connections to other DCIs in second grade:	2.PS1.A (2-ESS2-3)		
Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands: K.ETS1.A (2-ESS2-1); 4.ESS2.A (2-ESS2-1); 4.ESS2.B (2-ESS2-2); 4.ETS1.A (2-ESS2-1);			
4.ETS1.B (2-ESS2-1); 4.ETS1.C (2-ESS2-1); 5.ESS2.A (2-ESS2-1); 5.ESS2.C (2-ESS2-2),(2-ESS2-3) California Common Core State Standards Connections:			
ELA/Literacy –			
RI.2.3 Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical			
procedures in a text. (2-ESS2-1)			
W.2.6 With guidance and support fro	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		

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W.2.8	Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (2-ESS2-3)
SL.2.5	Create audio recordings of stories or poems; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences
	when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings. (2-ESS2-2)
Mathematic	S —
MP.2	Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (2-ESS2-1),(2-ESS2-2)
MP.4	Model with mathematics. (2-ESS2-1),(2-ESS2-2)
MP.5	Use appropriate tools strategically. (2-ESS2-1)
2.NBT.3	Read and write numbers to 1000 using base-ten numerals, number names, and expanded form. (2-ESS2-2)
2.MD.5	Use addition and subtraction within 100 to solve word problems involving lengths that are given in the same units, e.g.,
	by using drawings (such as drawings of rulers) and equations with a symbol for the unknown number to represent the
	problem. (2-ESS2-1)

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2-PS1 Matter and its Interactions

 Students who demonstrate understanding can: 2-PS1-1. Plan and conduct an investigation to describe and classify different kinds of materials by their observations could include color, texture, hardness, and flexibility. Pattern 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. 				
properties. [Clarification Statement: Observations could include color, texture, hardness, and flexibility. Patter include the similar properties that different materials share.]				
include the similar properties that different materials share.]	ns could			
2 DS1 2 Analyze data obtained from testing different materials to determine which materials have the preparties				
2-PS1-2. Analyze data obtained from testing different materials to determine which materials have the properties	s that are			
best suited for an intended purpose.* [Clarification Statement: Examples of properties could include, strengt	th,			
flexibility, hardness, texture, and absorbency.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment of quantitative measureme	ents 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 pie	eces can			
be disassembled and made into a new object. [Clarification Statement: Examples of pieces could include bl	ocks,			
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				
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 heating paper.]				
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Science Education:				
Science and Engineering Practices Disciplinary Core Ideas Crosscutting Concepts				
Planning and Carrying Out PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Patterns				
Investigations Matter • Patterns in the natural and hun	nan			
Planning and carrying out investigations to Different kinds of matter exist and many designed world can be observed 	ed. (2-			
answer questions or test solutions to of them can be either solid or liquid, PS1-1)				
problems in K–2 builds on prior depending on temperature. Matter can				
experiences and progresses to simple be described and classified by its Cause and Effect				

 investigations, based on fair tests, which provide data to support explanations or design solutions. Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence to answer a question. (2-PS1-1) Analyzing and Interpreting Data Analyzing data in K-2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations. Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended. (2-PS1-2) Constructing Explanations and designing solutions in K-2 builds on prior 	 observable properties. (2-PS1-1) Different properties are suited to different purposes. (2-PS1-2),(2-PS1-3) A great variety of objects can be built up from a small set of pieces. (2-PS1-3) 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. (2-PS1-4) 	 Events have causes that generate observable patterns. (2-PS1-4) Simple tests can be designed to gather evidence to support or refute student ideas about causes. (2-PS1-2) Energy and Matter Objects may break into smaller pieces and be put together into larger pieces, or change shapes. (2-PS1-3) Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World
 recording, and sharing observations. Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended. (2-PS1-2) 	-	Technology,
Designing Solutions Constructing explanations and designing		and Science on Society and the Natural
 Make observations (firsthand or from media) to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena. (2-PS1- 3) Engaging in Argument from Evidence 		

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2 builds or progresses representa designed v • Constru	in argument from evidence in K– n prior experiences and s to comparing ideas and ations about the natural and world(s). ct an argument with evidence to a claim. (2-PS1-4)		
	ections to Nature of Science		
	Nodels, Laws, Mechanisms,		
Phenome	ries Explain Natural		
	ts search for cause and effect		
	ships to explain natural events.		
(2-PS1-	4)		
Connectio	ns to other DCIs in second grade:	N/A	
Articulation (2-PS1-3)	n of DCIs across grade-bands: 4. E	SS2.A (2-PS1-3); 5.PS1.A (2-PS1-1),(2-PS1-	-2),(2-PS1-3); 5.PS1.B (2-PS1-4); 5.LS2.A
· /	Common Core State Standards Co	onnections:	
ELA/Litera			
RI.2.1	-	as who, what, where, when, why, and how t	o demonstrate understanding of key details
	in a text. (2-PS1-4)		
RI.2.3	Describe the connection betwe	en a series of historical events, scientific idea	s or concepts, or steps in technical
	procedures in a text. (2-PS1-4)		
RI.2.8	Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text. (2-PS1-2),(2-PS1-4)		
W.2.1	Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply reasons		

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	the terms of the emining use lighting words (e.g. because and clear) to connect emining and reasons and provide		
	that support the opinion, use linking words (e.g., <i>because, and, also</i>) to connect opinion and reasons, and provide a		
	concluding statement or section. (2-PS1-4)		
W.2.7	Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations). (2-PS1-1),(2-PS1-2),(2-PS1-3)		
W.2.8	Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (2-PS1-1),(2-		
	PS1-2),(2-PS1-3)		
Mathemat	Mathematics –		
MP.2	Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (2-PS1-2)		
MP.4	Model with mathematics. (2-PS1-1),(2-PS1-2)		
MP.5	Use appropriate tools strategically. (2-PS1-2)		
2.MD.10	Draw a picture graph and a bar graph (with single-unit scale) to represent a data set with up to four categories. Solve		
	simple put-together, take-apart, and compare problems using information presented in a bar graph. (2-PS1-1),(2-PS1-2)		

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K-2 Engineering Design

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K–2-ETS1 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.							
K–2-ETS1-3. Analyze 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 Education:							
Science and Engineering Practices	Dissiplinery Core Ideas	Crossoutting Concente					
Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts					
 Asking Questions and Defining Problems Asking questions and defining problems in K-2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple descriptive questions. Ask questions based on observations to find more information about the natural and/or designed world(s). (K-2-ETS1-1) Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool. (K-2-ETS1-1) Developing and Using Models Modeling in K-2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to include using and developing models (i.e., diagram, drawing, 	 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. (K–2-ETS1-1) Asking questions, making observations, and gathering information are helpful in thinking about problems. (K–2-ETS1-1) Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly understand the problem. (K–2-ETS1-1) ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions Designs can be conveyed through 	 Structure and Function The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s). (K–2- ETS1-2) 					

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storyboard) design solu • Develop evidence tool. (K–2 Analyzing Analyzing c experiences recording, a • Analyze	plica, diorama, dramatization, or that represent concrete events or a simple model based on to represent a proposed object or 2-ETS1-2) and Interpreting Data data in K–2 builds on prior s and progresses to collecting, and sharing observations. data from tests of an object or tool hine if it works as intended. (K–2-	 sketches, drawings, or physical models. These representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem's solutions to other people. (K–2-ETS1-2) 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. (K–2- ETS1-3) 			
Connections to other DCIs in this grade-band: Connections to K–2-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems include: Kindergarten: K-PS2-2, K-ESS3-2 Connections to K–2-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions Problems include: Kindergarten: K-ESS3-3, First Grade: 1-PS4-4, Second Grade: 2-LS2-2 Connections to K–2-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution include: Second Grade: 2-ESS2-1					
5.ETS1.C (K–2-ETS1-1),(K–2-ETS1-2),(K–2-E	*	S1-3); 3–5.ETS1.B (K–2-ETS1-2); 3–		
California C ELA/Literad	Common Core State Standards Con cy –	nections:			
RI.2.1	•	as who, what, where, when, why, and how to d	lemonstrate understanding of key details		
W.2.6	6 With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers. (K–2-ETS1-1),(K–2-ETS1-3)				

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W.2.8	Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (K–2-ETS1- 1),(K–2-ETS1-3)		
SL.2.5	Create audio recordings of stories or poems; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings. (K–2-ETS1-2)		
Mathematics –			
MP.2	Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (K–2-ETS1-1),(K–2-ETS1-3)		
MP.4	Model with mathematics. (K-2-ETS1-1),(K-2-ETS1-3)		
MP.5	Use appropriate tools strategically. (K–2-ETS1-1),(K–2-ETS1-3)		
2.MD.10	Draw a picture graph and a bar graph (with single-unit scale) to represent a data set with up to four categories. Solve simple put-together, take-apart, and compare problems using information presented in a bar graph. (K–2-ETS1-1),(K–2-ETS1-3)		