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Jan.	Earth How are Earth's features above and below the ground unique? The Moving Crust How can Earth's crust change?	Earth -Landforms -River Deltas -Drainage Basins -Continental Shelves -Layers of the Earth The Moving Crust -Plates -Faults -Folds -Mountains -Earthquakes -Volcanoes	Earth -Identify landforms and the features of the ocean floor -Describe the layers of the Earth The Moving Crust -Describe how the movement of plates builds mountains and causes earthquakes and volcanoes -Explain how scientists use seismic waves to study earthquakes	-Macmillan/McGraw- Hill <i>Science-A Closer</i> <i>Look</i> (2011) Cloze and Vocabulary Assessments	-Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Science-A Closer Look (2011) -Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Science-A Closer Look Building Skills Reading and Writing (2011)	-Computer -Elmo
	Weathering and Erosion How do different forces shape and change Earth's landforms?	Weathering and Erosion -Physical weathering -Chemical weathering -Erosion -Glaciers -Human changes	Weathering and Erosion -Define and give examples of physical and chemical weathering -Explain how erosion helps break down and build up Earth's land -Understand how glaciers and human changes cause weathering and erosion			
Feb.	Changes Caused by the Weather How does the weather shape and change the land?	Changes Caused by the Weather -Floods -Fires -Storms -Landslides -Avalanches	Changes Caused by the Weather -Describe the effects of floods, fires, tornadoes, and hurricanes -Explain the causes and effects of landslides and avalanches	-Macmillan/McGraw- Hill <i>Science-A Closer</i> <i>Look</i> (2011) Cloze and Vocabulary Assessments	-Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Science-A Closer Look (2011) -Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Science-A Closer Look Building Skills Reading and Writing (2011)	-Computer -Elmo

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	Air and Weather How can you tell that air is around you?	Air and Weather -Gases -Temperature -Humidity -Air pressure -Precipitation -Measuring weather	Air and Weather -Define the atmosphere as a mixture of different gases -Describe four properties of weather and the tools used to measure them			
	The Water Cycle How is water recycled?	The Water Cycle -Evaporation -Condensation -Precipitation -Clouds	The Water Cycle -Sequence the steps of the water cycle -Identify and describe types of clouds and precipitation			
March	Heat How do we use energy?	Heat -Heat -Conduction -Convection -Radiation -Insulator -Conductor	Heat -Explain that heat flows from warmer materials to cooler materials -Describe and define conduction, convection, and radiation	-Macmillan/McGraw- Hill <i>Science-A Closer</i> <i>Look</i> (2011) Cloze and Vocabulary Assessments	-Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Science-A Closer Look (2011) -Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Science-A Closer Look Building Skills Reading and Writing (2011)	-Computer -Elmo
	Sound How can you make sound?	Sound -Vibration -Sound wave -Echo -Wavelength -Frequency -Pitch -Amplitude -Volume	Sound -Explain how sound is produced and how it travels through a medium -Identify the characteristics of sound, including frequency, pitch, volume, and echoes			
	Light How does light behave?	Light -Prism -Electromagnetic spectrum	Light -Demonstrate that light travels in a straight line -Describe ways that light			

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		-Refraction -Reflection -Transparent -Translucent -Opaque	can be absorbed, reflected, or refracted by objects			
	Electricity How does electricity affect your life?	Electricity -Static electricity -Discharge -Circuit -Current electricity -Series circuit -Parallel circuit	Electricity -Describe the characteristics of electrically charged objects -Explain the difference between static and current electricity			
April	Magnetism and Electricity How are electricity and magnetism related?	Magnetism and Electricity -Attract -Repel -Pole -Magnetic field -Electromagnetic -Motor -Generator	Magnetism and Electricity -Describe a magnetic field and the effect of distance on magnetic force -Understand how an electromagnet, an electric motor, and a generator work	-Macmillan/McGraw- Hill <i>Science-A Closer</i> <i>Look</i> (2011) Cloze and Vocabulary Assessments	-Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Science-A Closer Look (2011) -Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Science-A Closer Look Building Skills Reading and Writing (2011)	-Computer -Elmo
	Introduction to Ecosystems How do the parts of an ecosystem interact?	Introduction to Ecosystems -Biotic Factor -Abiotic Factor -Ecosystem -Habitat -Population -Community	Introduction to Ecosystems -Identify abiotic and biotic factors in an ecosystem -Describe ecosystems, communities, and populations			
May	Biomes How do ecosystems compare?	Biomes -Biome -Grassland	Biomes -Define a biome -Describe Earth's six	-Macmillan/McGraw- Hill <i>Science-A Closer</i> <i>Look</i> (2011) Cloze and	-Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Science-A Closer Look (2011)	-Computer -Elmo

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	Relationships in Ecosystems How do organisms get energy?	-Deciduous Forest -Tropical Rain Forest -Desert -Taiga -Tundra Relationships in Ecosystems -Producer -Consumer -Decomposer -Food chain -Food web -Competition -Energy pyramid	Relationships in Ecosystems -Explain how energy is cycled through an ecosystem -Describe food webs and give examples of predator-and- prey relationships	Vocabulary Assessments	-Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Science-A Closer Look Building Skills Reading and Writing (2011)	

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