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New Mexico Standards
Science
Grade 6

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.I.	Scientific Thinking and Practice: Understand the processes of scientific investigations and use inquiry and scientific ways of observing, experimenting, predicting, and validating to think critically.
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	I-A.	Use scientific methods to develop questions, design and conduct experiments using appropriate technologies, analyze and evaluate results, make predictions, and communicate findings.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	I-A.1a.	<p>Construct appropriate graphs from data and develop qualitative and quantitative statements about the relationships between variables being investigated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts

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<p>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</p>	<p>I-A.2a.</p>	<p>Examine the reasonableness of data supporting a proposed scientific explanation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 1: Soil Structure • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 2: Soil Horizons • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig

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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	I-A.3a.	<p>Justify predictions and conclusions based on data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 1: Soil Structure Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 2: Soil Horizons Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig Teacher Resource CD: Fossils and Geologic Time Virtual Laboratory: Mineral Identification
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD	I-B.	Understand the processes of scientific investigation and how scientific inquiry results in scientific knowledge.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	I-B.1a.	<p>Understand that scientific knowledge is continually reviewed, critiqued, and revised as new data become available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Teacher Resource CD: Rocks, Minerals, and Earth Processes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	I-B.2a.	<p>Understand that scientific investigations use common processes that include the collection of relevant data and observations, accurate measurements, the identification and control of variables, and logical reasoning to formulate hypotheses and explanations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 1: Soil Structure • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 2: Soil Horizons • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig

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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	I-B.3a.	<p>Understand that not all investigations result in defensible scientific explanations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 1: Soil Structure Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 2: Soil Horizons Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig Teacher Resource CD: Fossils and Geologic Time Virtual Laboratory: Mineral Identification
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.I.	Scientific Thinking and Practice: Understand the processes of scientific investigations and use inquiry and scientific ways of observing, experimenting, predicting, and validating to think critically.
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	I-C.	Use mathematical ideas, tools, and techniques to understand scientific knowledge.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	I-C.2a.	<p>Use probabilities, patterns, and relationships to explain data and observations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 1: Soil Structure • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 2: Soil Horizons • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig • Virtual Laboratory: Mineral Identification
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.II.	Content of Science: Physical Science: Understand the structure and properties of matter, the characteristics of energy, and the interactions between matter and energy.
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	II-A.	Know the forms and properties of matter and how matter interacts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-A.1a.	<p>Understand that substances have characteristic properties and identify the properties of various substances (e.g., density, boiling point, solubility, chemical reactivity).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle

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<p>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</p>	<p>II-A.2a.</p>	<p>Use properties to identify substances (e.g., for minerals: the hardness, streak, color, reactivity to acid, cleavage, fracture).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral

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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-A.4a.	<p>Know the differences between chemical and physical properties and how these properties can influence the interactions of matter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.II.	Content of Science: Life Science: Understand the properties, structures, and processes of living things and the interdependence of living things and their environments.
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	II-A.	Explain the diverse structures and functions of living things and the complex relationships between living things and their environments.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-A.1a.	<p>Understand how organisms interact with their physical environments to meet their needs (i.e., food, water, air) and how the water cycle is essential to most living systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 1: Soil Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-A.2a.	<p>Describe how weather and geologic events (e.g., volcanoes, earthquakes) affect the function of living systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating

		Pangaea
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.II.	Content of Science: Earth and Space Science: Understand the structure of Earth, the solar system, and the universe, the interconnections among them, and the processes and interactions of Earth's systems.
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	II-B.	Describe the structure of Earth and its atmosphere and explain how energy, matter, and forces shape Earth's systems.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-B.1a.	Structure of Earth: Know that Earth is composed of layers that include a crust, mantle, and core. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Virtual Laboratory: Mineral Identification
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-B.2a.	Structure of Earth: Know that Earth's crust is divided into plates that move very slowly, in response to movements in the mantle. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Teacher Resource CD: Rocks, Minerals, and Earth Processes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-B.3a.	Structure of Earth: Know that sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic rocks contain evidence of the materials, temperatures, and forces that created them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Teacher Resource CD: Rocks, Minerals, and Earth Processes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-B.7a.	Changes to Earth: Know that landforms are created and change through a combination of constructive and destructive forces, including: weathering of rock and soil, transportation, deposition of sediment, and tectonic activity; similarities and differences between current and past processes on Earth's surface (e.g., erosion, plate tectonics, changes in atmospheric composition); impact of volcanoes and faults on New Mexico geology. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Teacher Resource CD: Rocks, Minerals, and Earth Processes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK /	II-B.8a.	Changes to Earth: Understand the history of Earth and how information about it comes from layers of sedimentary rock, including: sediments and fossils as a record of a very slowly changing world; evidence of asteroid impact, volcanic

PROFICIENCY		<p>and glacial activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Teacher Resource CD: Fossils and Geologic Time
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**New Mexico Standards
Science
Grade 7**

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BENCHMARK / STANDARD	I-A.	Use scientific methods to develop questions, design and conduct experiments using appropriate technologies, analyze and evaluate results, make predictions, and communicate findings.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	I-A.1a.	<p>Use a variety of print and web resources to collect information, inform investigations, and answer a scientific question or hypothesis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification

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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	I-A.2a.	<p>Use models to explain the relationships between variables being investigated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD	I-B.	Understand the processes of scientific investigation and how scientific inquiry results in scientific knowledge.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	I-B.2a.	<p>Critique procedures used to investigate a hypothesis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks

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BENCHMARK / STANDARD	I-C.	Use mathematical ideas, tools, and techniques to understand scientific knowledge.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	I-C.2a.	<p>Use mathematical expressions to represent data and observations collected in scientific investigations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous

		<p>Rocks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 1: Soil Structure • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 2: Soil Horizons • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig • Virtual Laboratory: Mineral Identification
<p>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</p>	<p>I-C.3a.</p>	<p>Select and use an appropriate model to examine a phenomenon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks

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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.II.	Content of Science: Physical Science: Understand the structure and properties of matter, the characteristics of energy, and the interactions between matter and energy.
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	II-A.	Know the forms and properties of matter and how matter interacts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-A.4a.	<p>Describe how substances react chemically in characteristic ways to form new substances (compounds) with different properties (e.g., carbon and oxygen combine to form carbon dioxide in respiration).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-A.5a.	<p>Know that chemical reactions are essential to life processes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.II.	Content of Science: Life Science: Understand the properties, structures, and processes of living things and the interdependence of living things and their environments.
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	II-A.	Explain the diverse structures and functions of living things and the complex relationships between living things and their environments.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-A.4a.	<p>Populations and Ecosystems: Explain the conditions and resources needed to sustain life in specific ecosystems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 1: Soil Structure
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.II.	Content of Science: Life Science: Understand the properties, structures, and processes of living things and the interdependence of living things and their environments.
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	II-B.	Understand how traits are passed from one generation to the next and how species evolve.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-B.13a.	<p>Biological Evolution: Know that the fossil record documents the appearance, diversification, and extinction of many life forms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig Teacher Resource CD: Fossils and Geologic Time
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.II.	Content of Science: Earth and Space Science: Understand the structure of Earth, the solar system, and the universe, the interconnections among them, and the processes and interactions of Earth's systems.
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	II-B.	Describe the structure of Earth and its atmosphere and explain how energy, matter, and forces shape Earth's systems.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-B.1a.	Understand how the remains of living things give us information about the history of Earth, including: layers of sedimentary rock, the fossil record, and radioactive dating showing that life has been present on Earth for more than 3.5 billion years.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher Resource CD: Fossils and Geologic Time
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-B.2a.	<p>Understand how living organisms have played many roles in changes of Earth's systems through time (e.g., atmospheric composition, creation of soil, impact on Earth's surface).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig Teacher Resource CD: Fossils and Geologic Time

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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.I.	Scientific Thinking and Practice: Understand the processes of scientific investigations and use inquiry and scientific ways of observing, experimenting, predicting, and validating to think critically.
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	I-A.	Use scientific methods to develop questions, design and conduct experiments using appropriate technologies, analyze and evaluate results, make predictions, and communicate findings.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	I-A.1a.	<p>Evaluate the accuracy and reproducibility of data and observations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals

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<p>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</p>	<p>I-A.2a.</p>	<p>Use a variety of technologies to gather, analyze and interpret scientific data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and

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BENCHMARK / STANDARD	I-B.	Understand the processes of scientific investigation and how scientific inquiry results in scientific knowledge.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	I-B. 1a.	<p>Examine alternative explanations for observations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and

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<p>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</p>	<p>I-B.2a.</p>	<p>Describe ways in which science differs from other ways of knowing and from other bodies of knowledge (e.g., experimentation, logical arguments, skepticism).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil

		<p>Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 1: Soil Structure • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 2: Soil Horizons • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig • Virtual Laboratory: Mineral Identification
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD	I-C.	Use mathematical ideas, tools, and techniques to understand scientific knowledge.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	I-C.1a.	<p>Use mathematical expressions and techniques to explain data and observations and to communicate findings (e.g., formulas and equations, significant figures, graphing, sampling, estimation, mean).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification

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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	I-C.2a.	<p>Create models to describe phenomena.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD	II-A.	Know the forms and properties of matter and how matter interacts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-A.1a.	<p>Properties of Matter: Know how to use density, boiling point, freezing point, conductivity, and color to identify various substances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying

		<p>Mineral Color</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig • Teacher Resource CD: Rocks, Minerals, and Earth Processes • Virtual Laboratory: Mineral Identification
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-A.2a.	<p>Properties of Matter: Distinguish between metals and non-metals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-A.3a.	<p>Properties of Matter: Understand the differences among elements, compounds, and mixtures by: classification of materials as elements, compounds, or mixtures; interpretation of chemical formulas; separation of mixtures into compounds by methods including evaporation, filtration, screening, and magnetism.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Laboratory: Mineral Identification
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-A.6a.	<p>Structure of Matter: Know that compounds are made of two or more elements, but not all sets of elements can combine to form compounds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Laboratory: Mineral Identification
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-A.8a.	<p>Changes in Matter: Describe various familiar physical and chemical changes that occur naturally (e.g., snow melting, photosynthesis, rusting, burning).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-A.9a.	<p>Changes in Matter: Identify factors that influence the rate at which chemical reactions occur (e.g., temperature, concentration).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-A.10a.	<p>Changes in Matter: Know that chemical reactions can absorb energy (endothermic reactions) or release energy (exothermic reactions).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD	II-A.	Explain the diverse structures and functions of living things and the complex relationships between living things and their environments.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-A.2a.	<p>Describe how energy flows through ecosystems (e.g., sunlight, green plants, food for animals).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 1: Soil Structure
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.II.	Content of Science: Earth and Space Science: Understand the structure of Earth, the solar system, and the universe, the interconnections among them, and the processes and interactions of Earth's systems.
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	II-B.	Describe the structure of Earth and its atmosphere and explain how energy, matter, and forces shape Earth's systems.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-B.1a.	<p>Describe the role of pressure (and heat) in the rock cycle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Teacher Resource CD: Rocks, Minerals, and Earth Processes
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.III.	Science and Society: Understand how scientific discoveries, inventions, practices, and knowledge influence, and are influenced by, individuals and societies.
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	III-A.	Explain how scientific discoveries and inventions have changed individuals and societies.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	III-A.2a.	<p>Describe how scientific information can help to explain environmental phenomena (e.g., floods, earthquakes, volcanoes, fire, extreme weather).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea

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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.I.	Scientific Thinking and Practice: Understand the processes of scientific investigations and use inquiry and scientific ways of observing, experimenting, predicting, and validating to think critically.
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	I-A.	Use accepted scientific methods to collect, analyze, and interpret data and observations and to design and conduct scientific investigations and communicate results.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	I-A.1a.	<p>Describe the essential components of an investigation, including appropriate methodologies, proper equipment, and safety precautions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical

		<p>Analysis of Minerals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 1: Soil Structure • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 2: Soil Horizons • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig • Virtual Laboratory: Mineral Identification
<p>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</p>	<p>I-A.2a.</p>	<p>Design and conduct scientific investigations that include: testable hypotheses; controls and variables; methods to collect, analyze, and interpret data; results that address hypotheses being investigated; predictions based on results; re-evaluation of hypotheses and additional experimentation as necessary; error analysis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting

		<p>and Identification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 1: Soil Structure • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 2: Soil Horizons • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig • Virtual Laboratory: Mineral Identification
<p>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</p>	<p>I-A.3a.</p>	<p>Use appropriate technologies to collect, analyze, and communicate scientific data (e.g., computers, calculators, balances, microscopes).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 1: Soil Structure

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<p>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</p>	<p>I-A.4a.</p>	<p>Convey results of investigations using scientific concepts, methodologies, and expressions, including: scientific language and symbols; diagrams, charts, and other data displays; mathematical expressions and processes (e.g., mean, median, slope, proportionality); clear, logical, and concise communication; reasoned arguments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 1: Soil Structure • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 2: Soil Horizons • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig • Teacher Resource CD: Fossils and Geologic Time

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual Laboratory: Mineral Identification
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	I-A.5a.	<p>Understand how scientific theories are used to explain and predict natural phenomena (e.g., plate tectonics, ocean currents, structure of atom).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 1: Soil Structure Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 2: Soil Horizons Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig Virtual Laboratory: Mineral Identification
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.I.	Scientific Thinking and Practice: Understand the processes of scientific investigations and use inquiry and scientific ways of observing, experimenting, predicting, and validating to think critically.
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	I-B.	Understand that scientific processes produce scientific knowledge that is continually evaluated, validated, revised, or rejected.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	I-B.2a.	<p>Use scientific reasoning and valid logic to recognize: faulty logic; cause and effect; the difference between observation and unsubstantiated inferences and conclusions; potential bias.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	I-B.3a.	<p>Understand how new data and observations can result in new scientific knowledge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Teacher Resource CD: Rocks, Minerals, and Earth Processes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	I-B.4a.	<p>Critically analyze an accepted explanation by reviewing current scientific knowledge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	I-B.6a.	<p>Examine the scientific processes and logic used in investigations of past events (e.g., using data from crime scenes, fossils), investigations that can be planned in advance but are only done once (e.g., expensive or time-consuming experiments such as medical clinical trials), and investigations of phenomena that can be repeated easily and frequently.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 1: Soil Structure • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 2: Soil Horizons • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig • Virtual Laboratory: Mineral Identification
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.I.	Scientific Thinking and Practice: Understand the processes of scientific investigations and use inquiry and scientific ways of observing, experimenting, predicting, and validating to think critically.
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	I-C.	Use mathematical concepts, principles, and expressions to analyze data, develop models, understand patterns and relationships, evaluate findings, and draw conclusions.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	I-C.1a.	<p>Create multiple displays of data to analyze and explain the relationships in scientific investigations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a

		<p>Sedimentary Rock</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 1: Soil Structure • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 2: Soil Horizons • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig • Virtual Laboratory: Mineral Identification
<p>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</p>	<p>I-C.2a.</p>	<p>Use mathematical models to describe, explain, and predict natural phenomena.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific

		<p>Gravity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	I-C.5a.	<p>Use mathematics to express and establish scientific relationships (e.g., scientific notation, vectors, dimensional analysis).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.II.	The Content of Science: Physical Science: Understand the structure and properties of matter, the characteristics of energy, and the interactions between matter and energy.
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	II-A.	Understand the properties, underlying structure, and reactions of matter.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-A.2a.	<p>Properties of Matter: Identify, measure, and use a variety of physical and chemical properties (e.g., electrical conductivity, density, viscosity, chemical reactivity, pH, melting point).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-A.12a.	<p>Chemical Reactions: Know that chemical reactions involve the rearrangement of atoms, and that they occur on many timescales (e.g., picoseconds to millennia).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical

		<p>Analysis of Minerals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.II.	The Content of Science: Life Science: Understand the properties, structures, and processes of living things and the interdependence of living things and their environments.
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	II-A.	Understand how the survival of species depends on biodiversity and on complex interactions, including the cycling of matter and the flow of energy.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-A.3a.	<p>Ecosystems: Understand and describe how available resources limit the amount of life an ecosystem can support (e.g., energy, water, oxygen, nutrients).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 1: Soil Structure
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.II.	The Content of Science: Earth and Space Science: Understand the structure of Earth, the solar system, and the universe, the interconnections among them, and the processes and interactions of Earth's systems.
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	II-B.	Examine the scientific theories of the origin, structure, energy, and evolution of Earth and its atmosphere, and their interconnections.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-B.1a.	<p>Characteristics and Evolution of Earth: Describe the characteristics and the evolution of Earth in terms of the geosphere, the hydrosphere, the atmosphere, and the biosphere.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig • Teacher Resource CD: Fossils and Geologic Time
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-B.2a.	<p>Characteristics and Evolution of Earth: Recognize that radiometric data indicate that Earth is at least 4 billion years old and that Earth has changed during that period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts • Teacher Resource CD: Fossils and Geologic Time
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK /	II-B.3a.	<p>Characteristics and Evolution of Earth: Describe the internal structure of Earth (e.g., core, mantle, crust) and the structure of Earth's plates.</p>

PROFICIENCY		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Virtual Laboratory: Mineral Identification
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-B.4a.	<p>Characteristics and Evolution of Earth: Understand the changes in Earth's past and the investigative methods used to determine geologic time, including: rock sequences, relative dating, fossil correlation, and radiometric dating; geologic time scales, historic changes in life forms, and the evidence for absolute ages (e.g., radiometric methods, tree rings, paleomagnetism).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig • Teacher Resource CD: Fossils and Geologic Time • Teacher Resource CD: Rocks, Minerals, and Earth Processes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-B.5a.	<p>Characteristics and Evolution of Earth: Explain plate tectonic theory and understand the evidence that supports it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Teacher Resource CD: Rocks, Minerals, and Earth Processes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-B.7a.	<p>Energy in Earth's System: Describe convection as the mechanism for moving heat energy from deep within Earth to the surface and discuss how this process results in plate tectonics, including: geological manifestations (e.g., earthquakes, volcanoes, mountain building) that occur at plate boundaries; impact of plate motions on societies and the environment (e.g., earthquakes, volcanoes).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Teacher Resource CD: Rocks, Minerals, and Earth Processes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-B.9a.	<p>Geochemical Cycles: Know that Earth's system contains a fixed amount of natural resources that cycle among land, water, the atmosphere, and living things (e.g., carbon and nitrogen cycles, rock cycle, water cycle, ground water, aquifers).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic

		<p>and Allochromatic Minerals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Resource CD: Rocks, Minerals, and Earth Processes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-B.10a.	<p>Geochemical Cycles: Describe the composition and structure of Earth's materials, including: the major rock types (i.e., sedimentary, igneous, metamorphic) and their formation; natural resources (e.g., minerals, petroleum) and their formation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig • Teacher Resource CD: Rocks, Minerals, and Earth Processes • Virtual Laboratory: Mineral Identification
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	II-B.11a.	<p>Geochemical Cycles: Explain how layers of the atmosphere (e.g., ozone, ionosphere) change naturally and artificially.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Resource CD: Rocks, Minerals, and Earth Processes
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.III.	Science and Society: Understand how scientific discoveries, inventions, practices, and knowledge influence, and are influenced by, individuals and societies.
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	III-A.	Examine and analyze how scientific discoveries and their applications affect the world, and explain how societies influence scientific investigations and applications.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK /	III-A.2a.	Science and Technology: Understand how advances in technology enable further advances in science (e.g., microscopes and cellular structure;

PROFICIENCY		<p>telescopes and understanding of the universe).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Teacher Resource CD: Rocks, Minerals, and Earth Processes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	III-A.3a.	<p>Science and Technology: Evaluate the influences of technology on society (e.g., communications, petroleum, transportation, nuclear energy, computers, medicine, genetic engineering) including both desired and undesired effects, and including some historical examples (e.g., the wheel, the plow, the printing press, the lightning rod).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 1: The Rock Cycle • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 2: Creating a Sedimentary Rock • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 3: Effects of Heat and Pressure on Rock Layers • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 1 Activity 4: Crystallization • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 1: Igneous Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 2: Sedimentary Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 1 Lab 2 Activity 3: Metamorphic Rocks • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 1: Identifying Mineral Color • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 2: Mineral Luster • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 3: The Streak of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 4: Testing the Hardness of a Mineral • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 5: Cleavage and Fracture • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 3 Activity 6: Specific Gravity • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 1: Idiochromatic and Allochromatic Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 2: Chemical Analysis of Minerals • Earth Resources: Unit 2 Lab 4 Activity 3: Using the Flame Test to Identify Unknown Mineral Samples • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 2: Fossil Sorting and Identification • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 3: Fossil Formation - Preparing Molds and Casts • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 1: Mechanical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 6 Activity 2: Chemical Weathering • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 1: Soil Structure • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 7 Activity 2: Soil Horizons • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Earth Resources: Unit 5 Lab 9 Activity 1: Geology Dig

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Laboratory: Mineral Identification
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	III-A.10a.	<p>Science and Society: Describe major historical changes in scientific perspectives (e.g., atomic theory, germs, cosmology, relativity, plate tectonics, evolution) and the experimental observations that triggered them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Resources: Unit 3 Lab 5 Activity 1: Fossils and Geologic Time • Earth Resources: Unit 4 Lab 8 Activity 1: Recreating Pangaea • Teacher Resource CD: Rocks, Minerals, and Earth Processes

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