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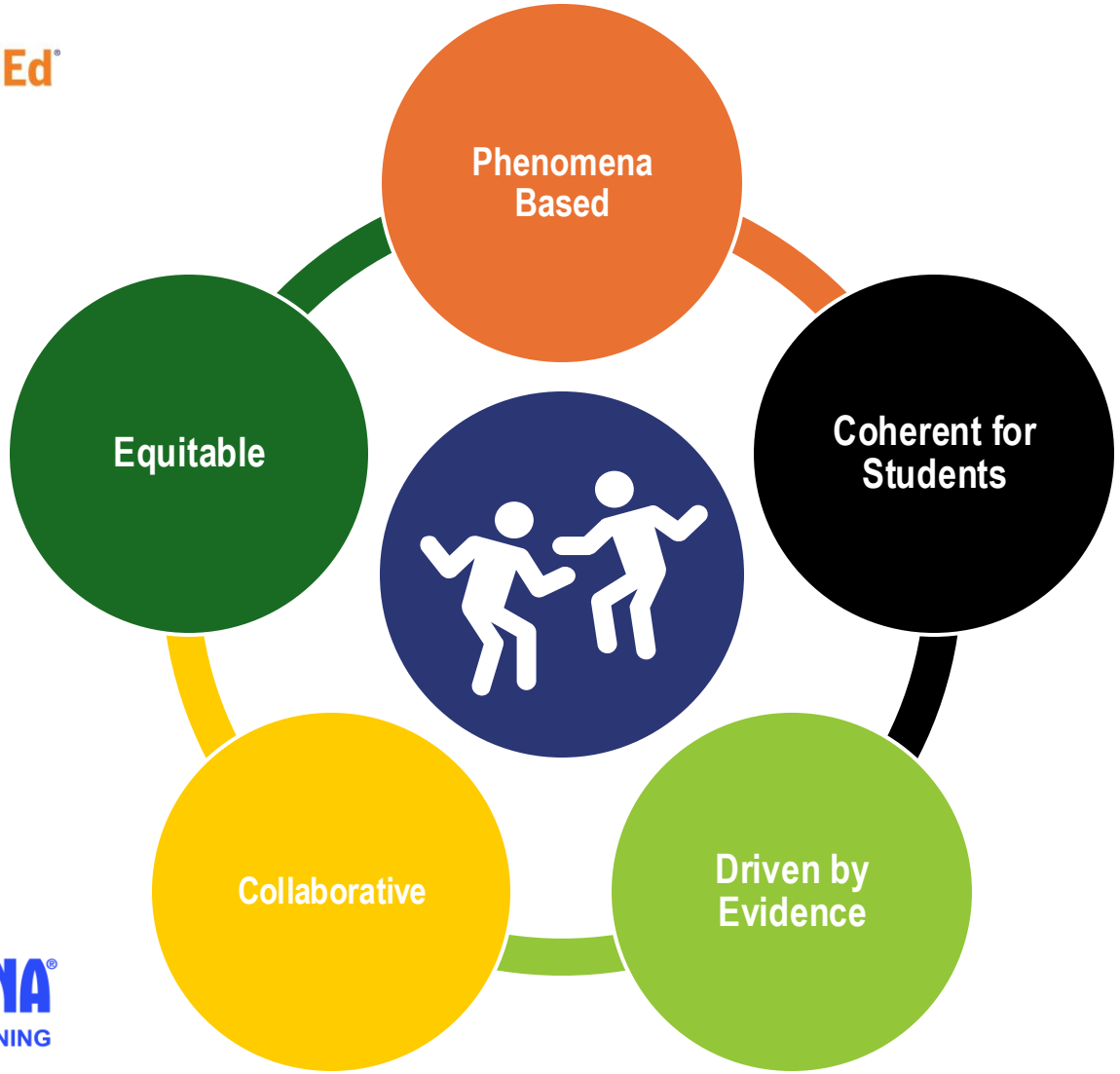

- Exploration is driven by **students'** questions and ideas
- Builds on **students'** prior knowledge and experiences
- **Students** use evidence to revise their thinking
- **Students** figure out ideas as classroom community

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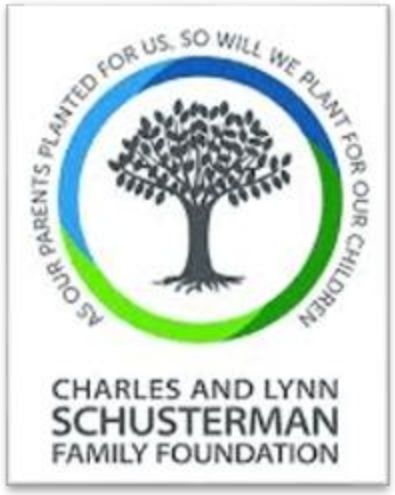

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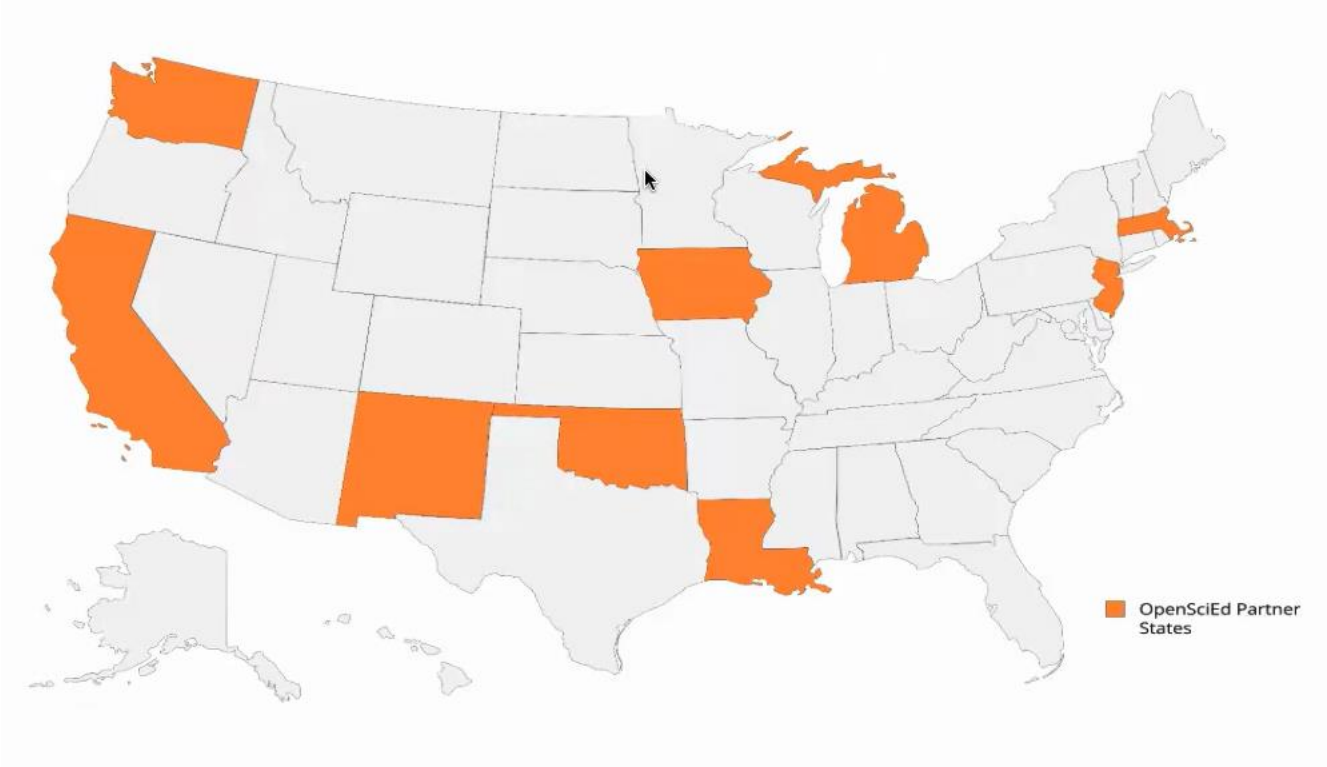
Field Test

- 9 partner states
- Field tested by 450+ teachers and about 10,000 students



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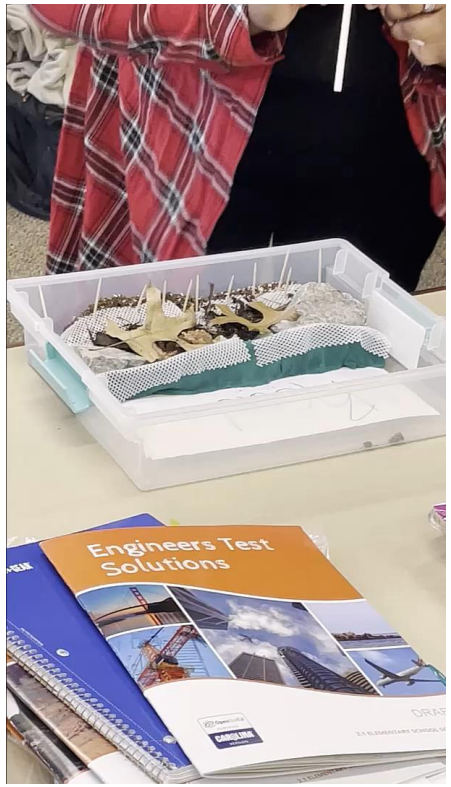
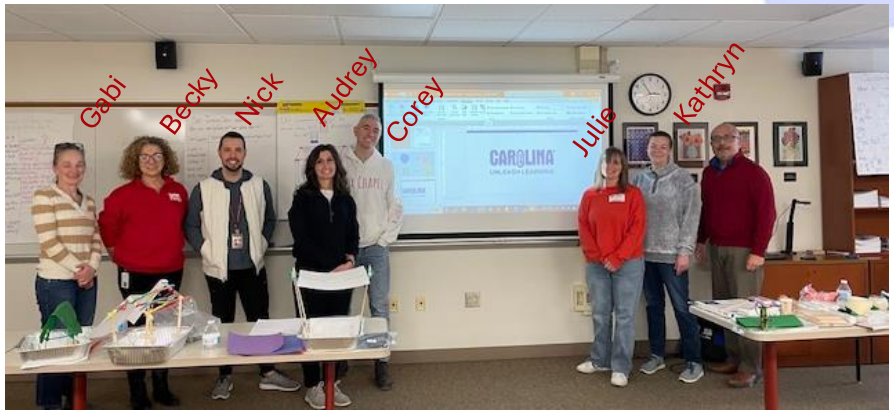
Fox Chapel Pilot

- K - 5
- 12 days of training
- 24 Piloting teachers
- 670+ students





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Instructional Model

Units are built following the Storyline Instructional Model

- Engages students in asking questions about phenomena
- Student questions drive the unit learning

Lessons are all connected

- Designed to help students make sense of phenomena
- Sensemaking through investigations and research

Pathways to Adoption

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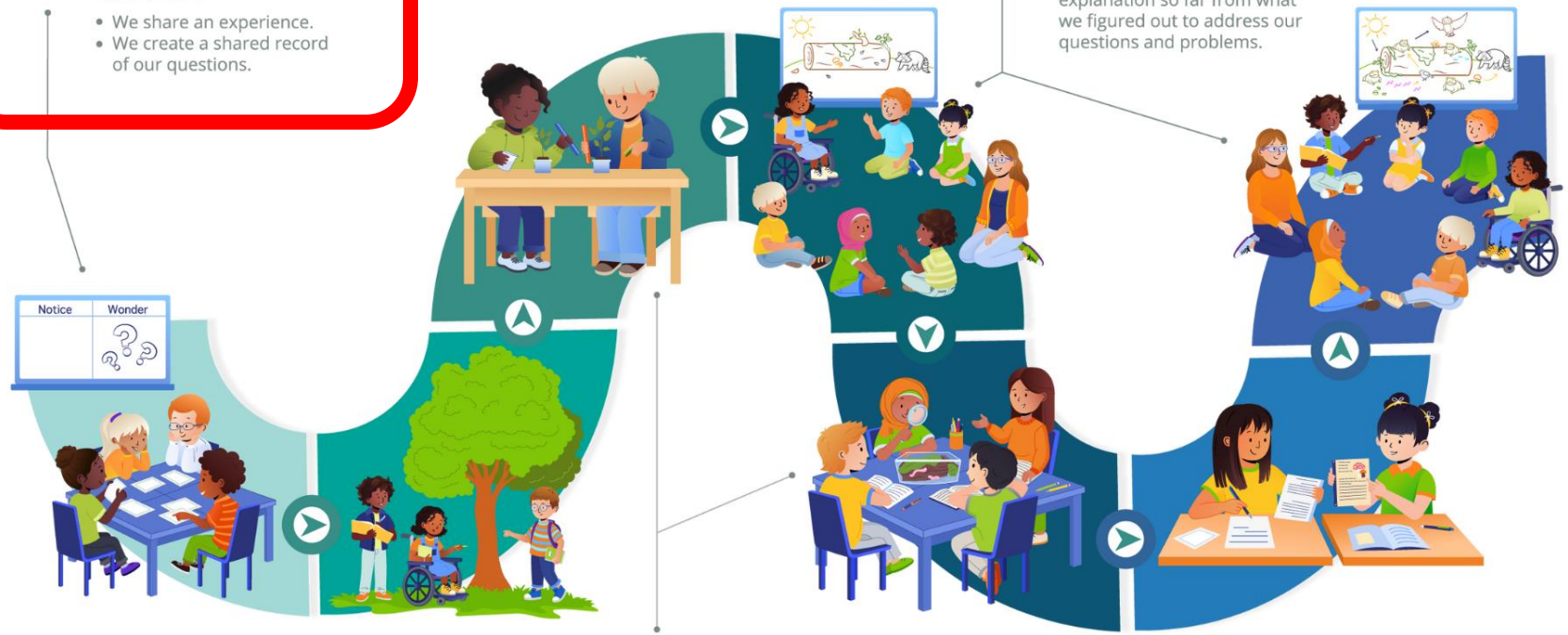

ANCHORING PHENOMENON LESSON

- We share an experience.
- We create a shared record of our questions.

PUTTING PIECES TOGETHER LESSON

- We put together our best explanation so far from what we figured out to address our questions and problems.

NAVIGATION

- At each step, we decide what we need to figure out next.

INVESTIGATION LESSONS

- We develop evidence from investigations and figure out how this helps improve our explanations and solutions so far.

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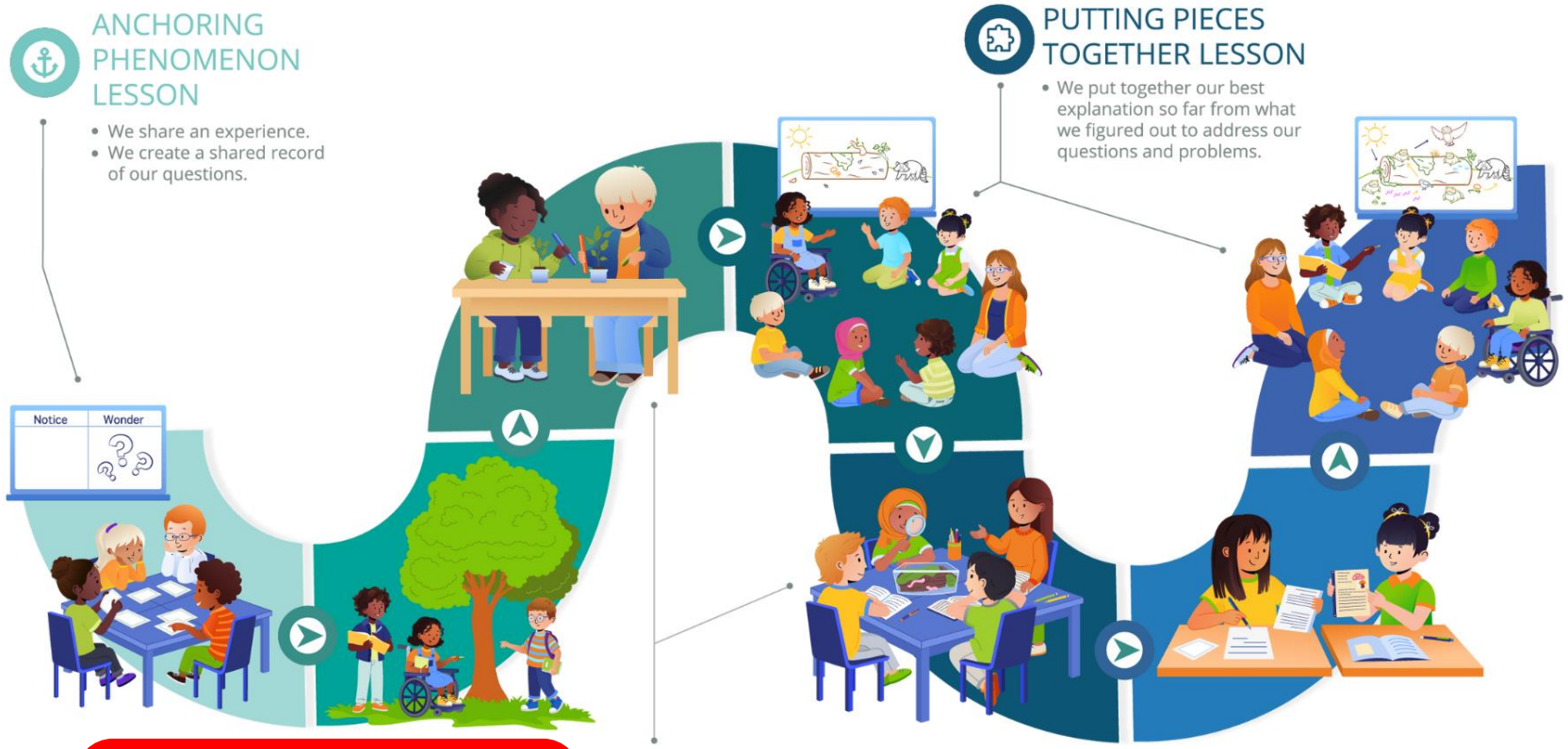

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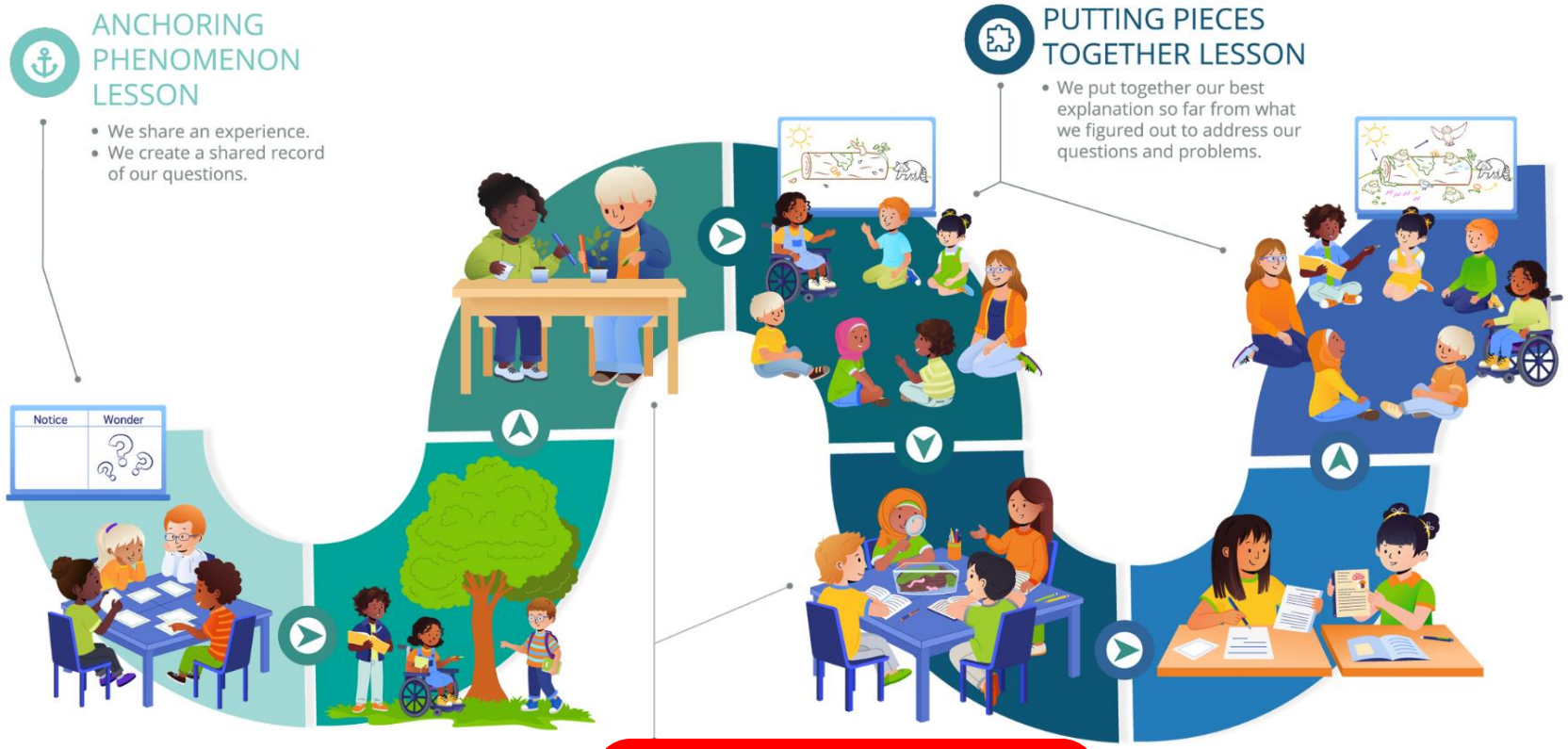

OpenSciEd Elementary Instructional Model

OpenSciEd Elementary Approach

Units anchor the science in the interests and experiences of children, their families, and communities.

Students see how the science they figure out connects to the questions and problems their class has identified.

Students partner with each other and with their teacher to *figure out how* to *investigate their questions*, *make sense* of data, and develop *explanations and models*, step by step.

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Science that Engages ALL Children

OpenSciEd curriculum is designed to:

- Include the voices of teachers and students from a broad range of backgrounds.
- Connect the science students figure out to their interests and lived experiences.
- Offer opportunities for students to authentically use their existing communicative resources to engage with the phenomena, ensuring everyone feels included and has their strengths used to drive learning forward.
- Cultivate a classroom environment that fosters respect and agency for every student.

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Instructional Elements

Phenomena Based

Centered around figuring out phenomena or solving problems

Coherent for Students

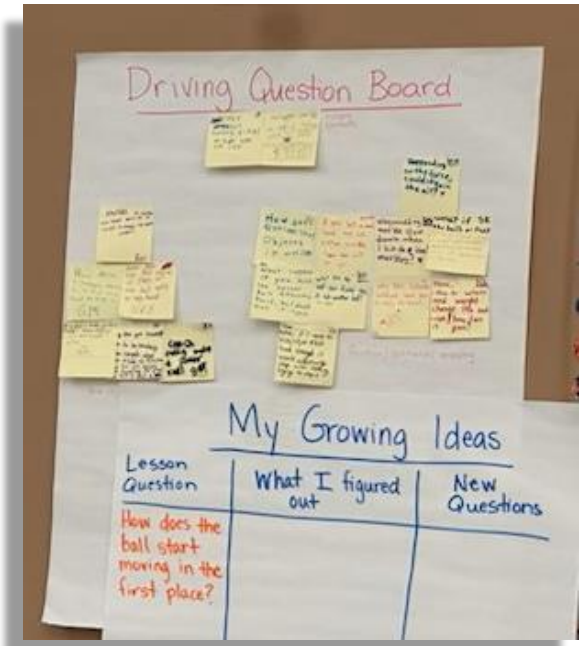
Driven by students' questions and ideas

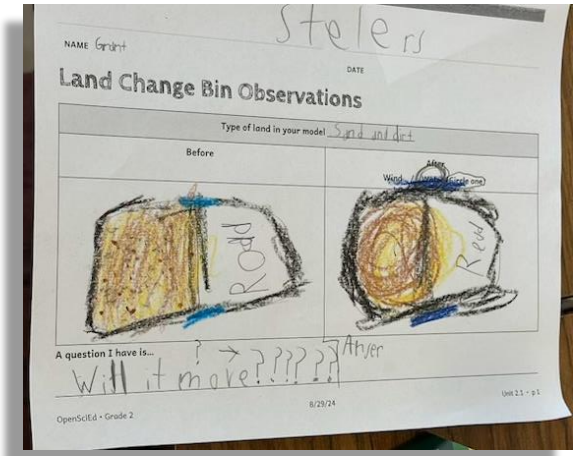
Driven by Evidence

Incremental building and revision of ideas based on evidence

Collaborative

WE figure out ideas together





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K.2 Weather K-ESS2-1, K-ESS3-2	**1.2 Waves: Sound** 1-PS4-1, 1-PS4-4, K-2-ETS1-1, K-2-ETS1-2, K-2-ETS1-3	**2.2 Structure & Properties of Matter** 2-PS1-1, 2-PS1-2, 2-PS1-3, 2-PS1-4, K-2-ETS1-1, K-2-ETS1-2, K-2-ETS1-3	**3.2 Weather & Hazards** 3-ESS2-1, 3-ESS2-2, 3-ESS3-1, 3-5-ETS1-2	**4.2 Energy Transfer: Electricity** 4-PS3-2, 4-PS3-4, 4-PS4-3, 4-ESS3-1, 3-5-ETS1-1, 3-5-ETS1-3	**5.2 Matter Properties** 5-PS1-2, 5-PS1-3, 5-PS1-4, 3-5-ETS1-1, 3-5-ETS1-3
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Connect to our experiences

Think about times when you or someone you were watching was playing with a round object like a ball or puck.

Turn and tell a partner:

- Where were you/they playing?
- How was the ball or puck moving from place to place?
- What did you see, hear, or feel?

Share your ideas with the class.

Soccer ball

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Hockey puck

Make observations

Follow these directions to start exploring how a soccer ball moves:

1. Kick a soccer ball back and forth between you and a classmate or two. Be sure to keep the ball on the floor or ground when you kick it.
2. Each time you kick, back up so you put more distance between you and your classmate(s). Even as you get farther away, keep the ball on the ground when you kick it.
3. As you kick back and forth, observe what you see, what you hear, and what you feel about the soccer ball's motion.

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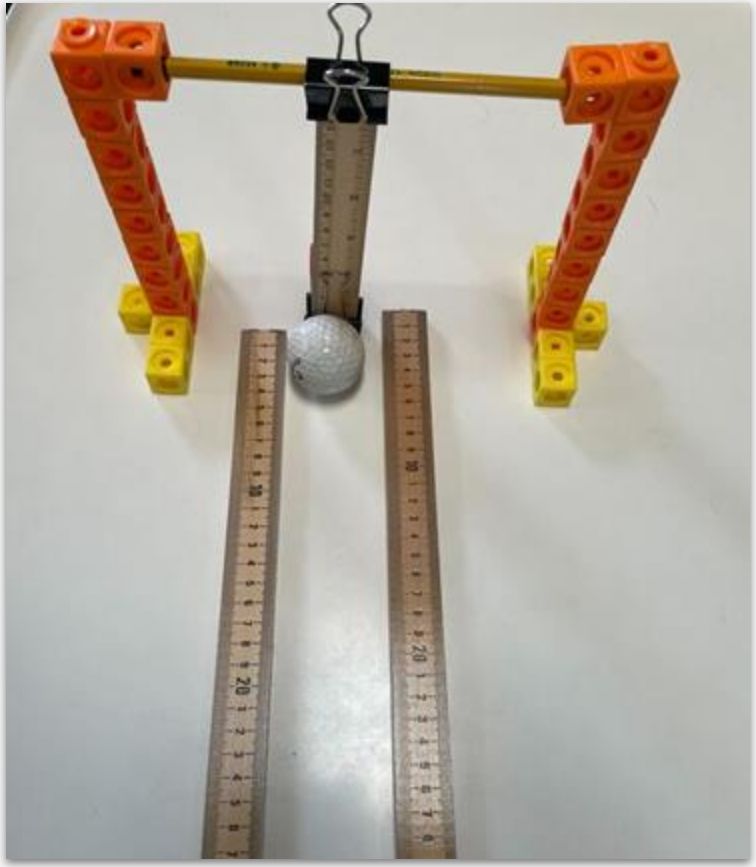
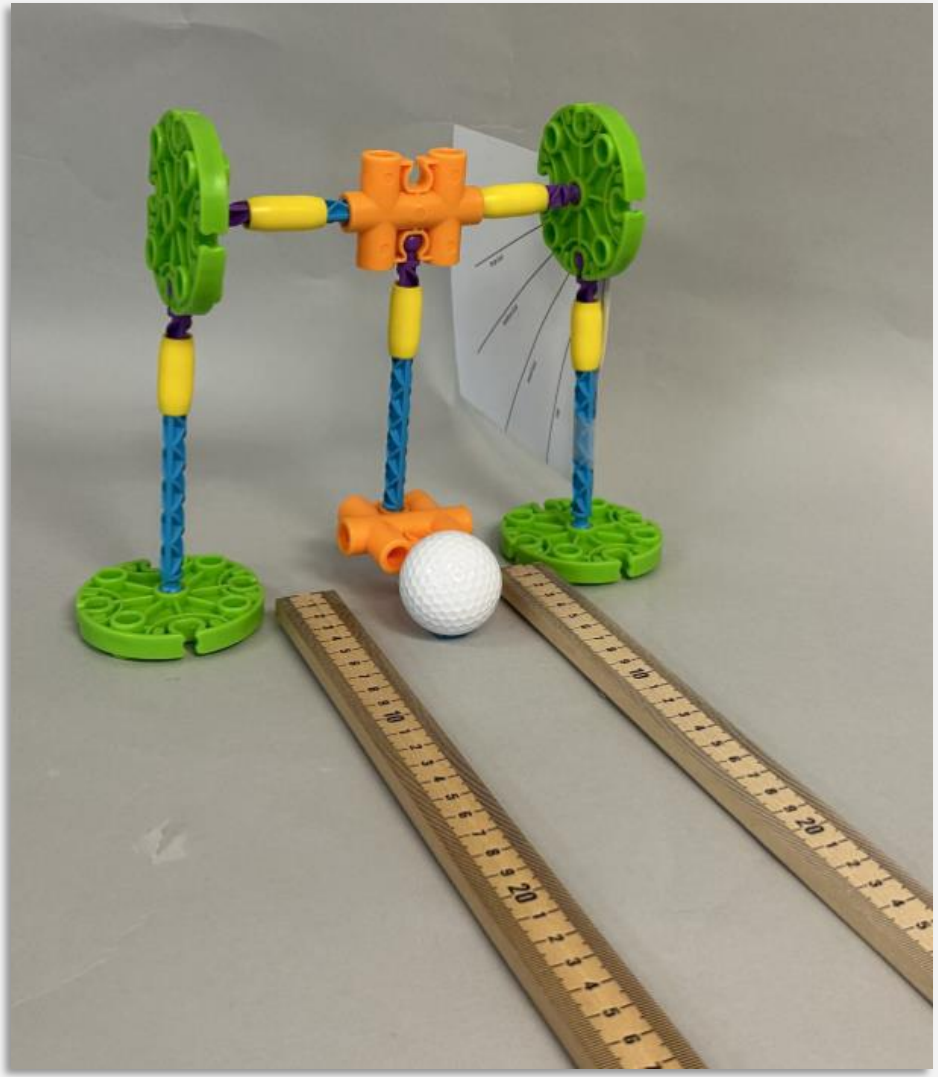
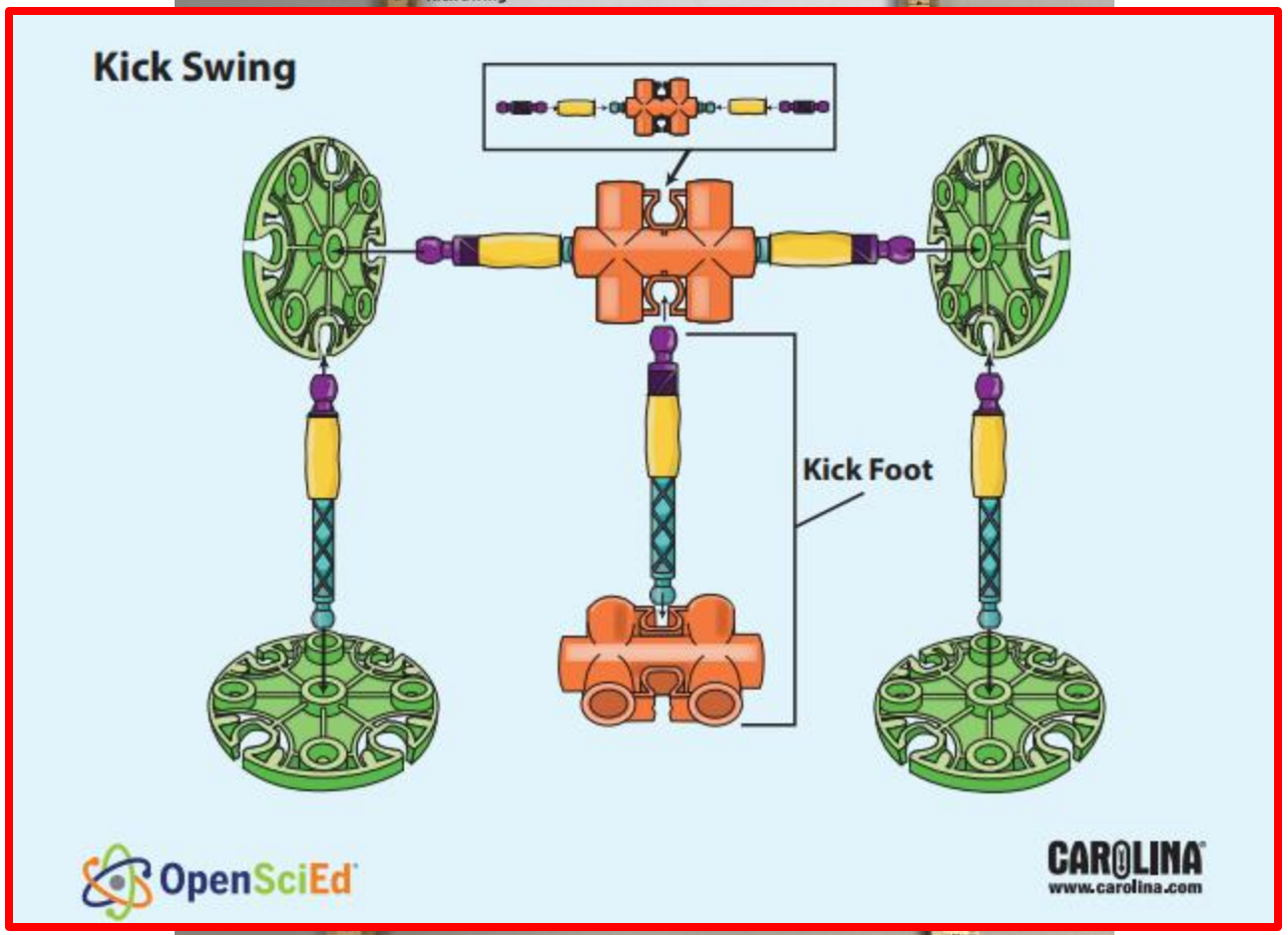




Carry out an investigation

Here are the materials we have to conduct our investigation.

- One ball (ping pong, golf ball, or foam ball)
- Four blue rods
- Five purple rods
- Five yellow connectors
- Four green round connectors
- Two orange connectors
- Two meter sticks
- Kick Swing Card

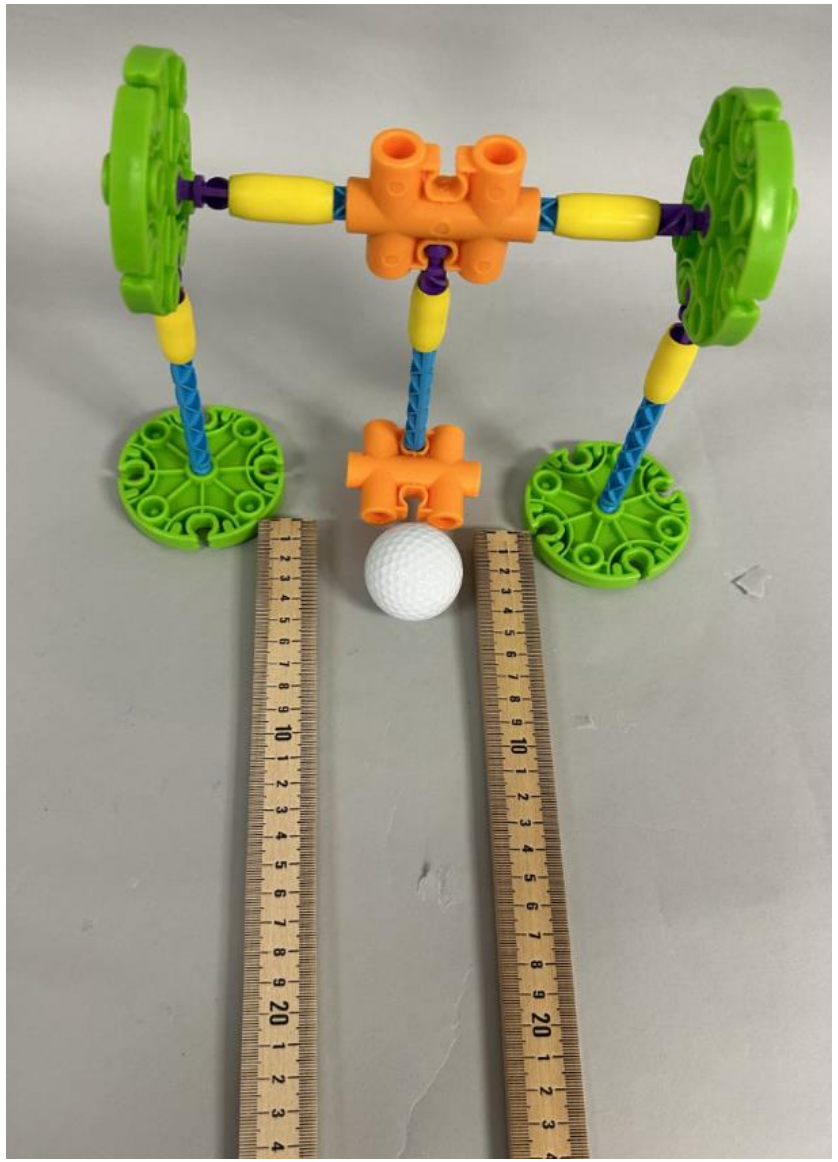


Carry out an investigation

Work with your group to carry out an investigation to answer the question, “How does the size of a kick change the motion of a ball?”

You will have about 10 minutes to investigate.

Be ready to share your results with the class.



Carry out an investigation

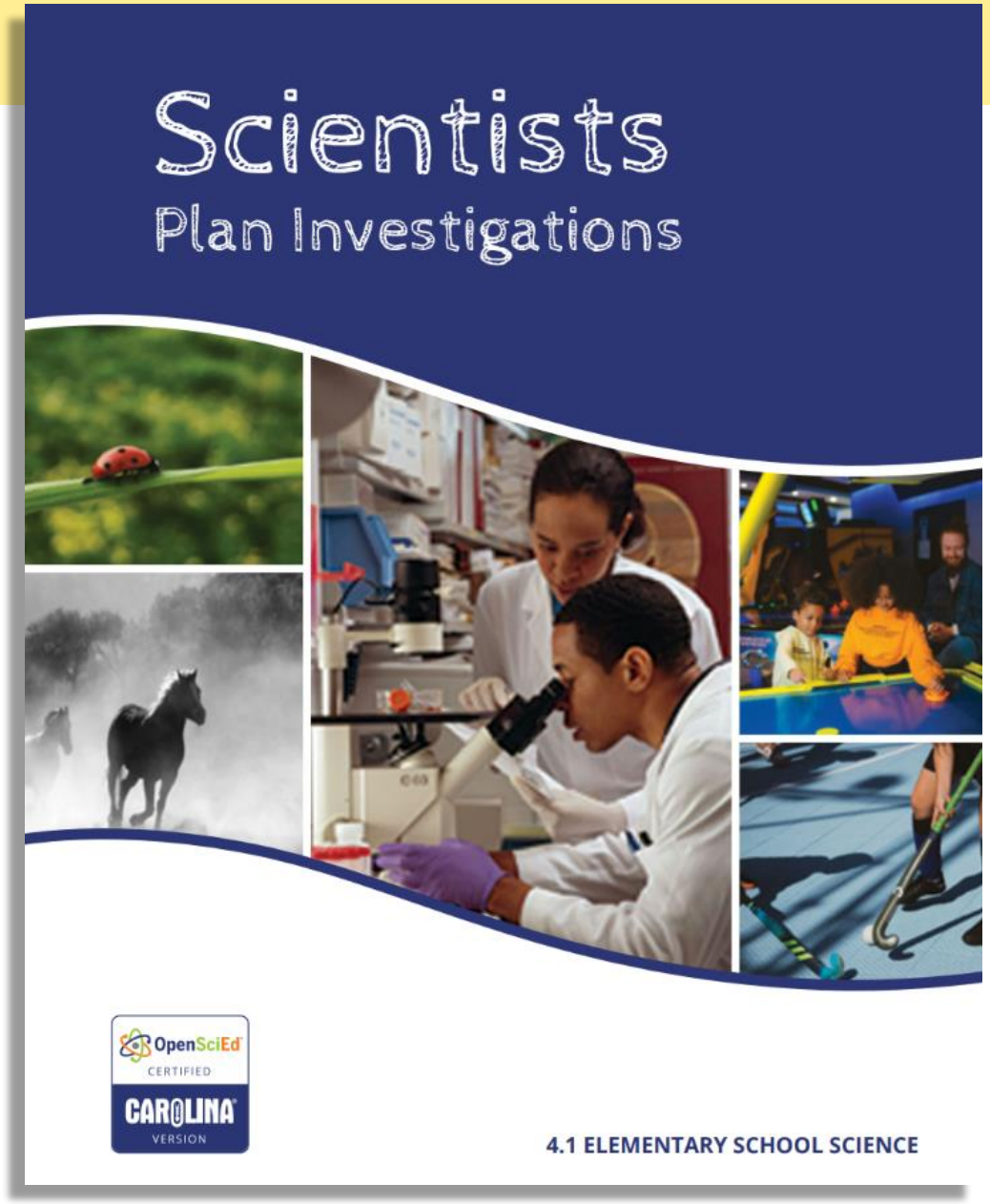
1. How did your investigation go?
2. Did you collect any data?
3. Why could it be a problem if we all did something different?
4. Can we trust our results if everyone does something different? Why or why not?
5. Why would it be helpful if we all did our investigation the same way?

Plan an investigation

1. What investigations in science have you completed this year or last year ?
2. How did you know what to do?
3. How could we gather information to help us create a better investigation?

Gather evidence from text

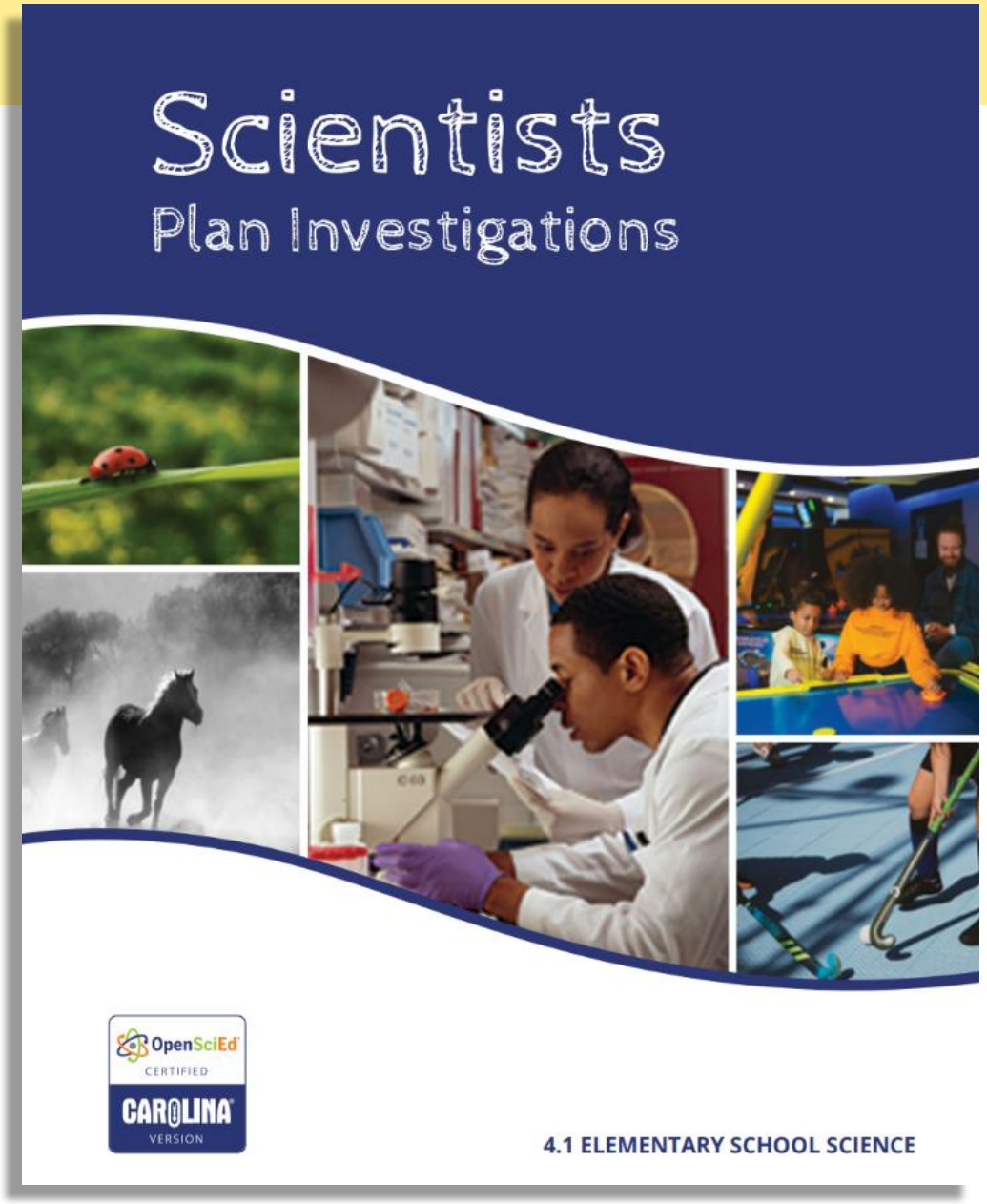
Let's read about scientists who plan and carry out investigations about motion!



Gather evidence from text

What do scientists have to think about to make sure they have planned a good investigation?

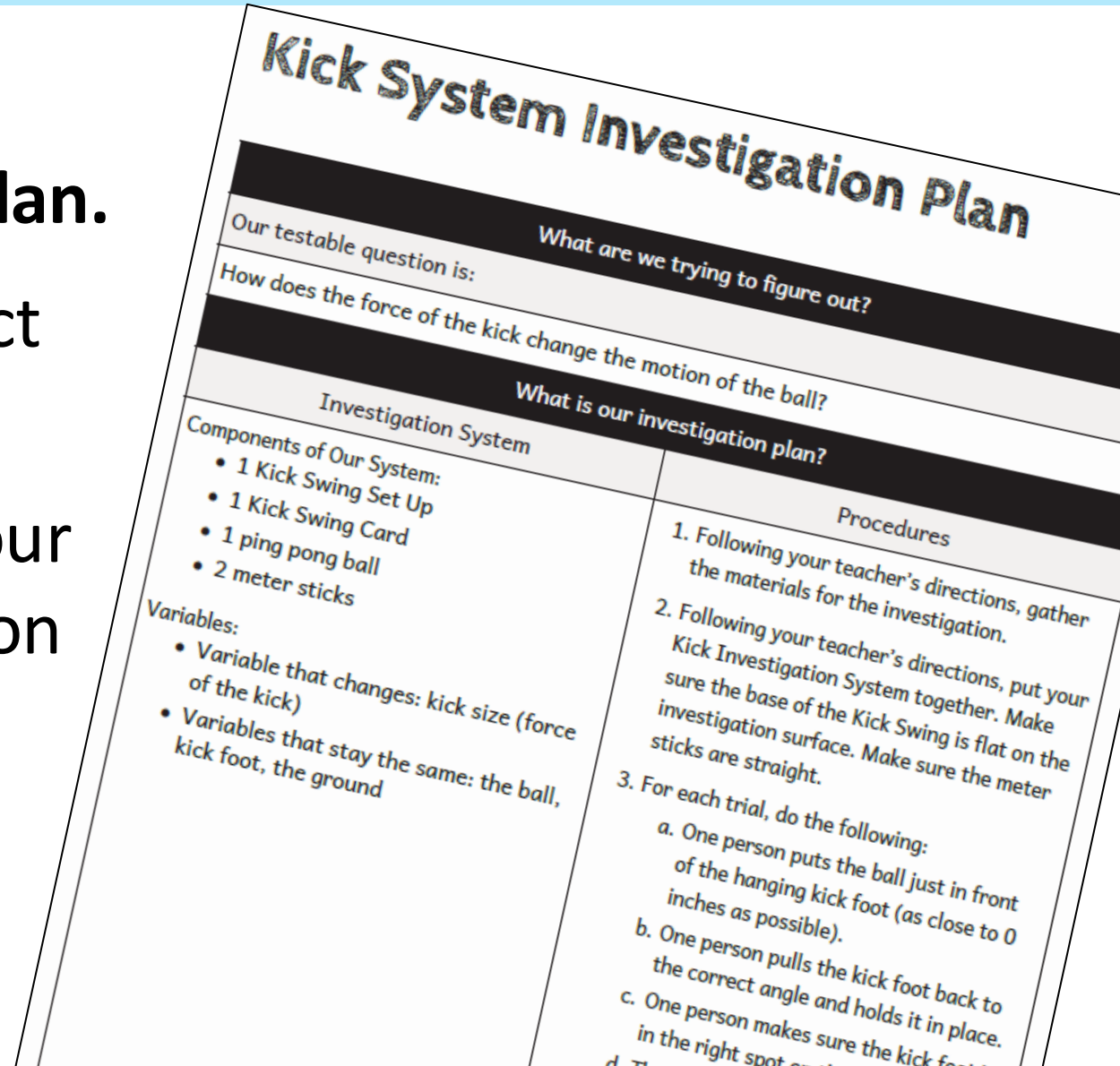
What do we need to do differently based on the evidence we gathered from our text?



Carry out our investigation

Follow our investigation plan.

1. Work together to collect data for each kick size.
2. Record your data on your Kick System Investigation Data handout.



Kick System Investigation Plan

What are we trying to figure out?

Our testable question is:

How does the force of the kick change the motion of the ball?

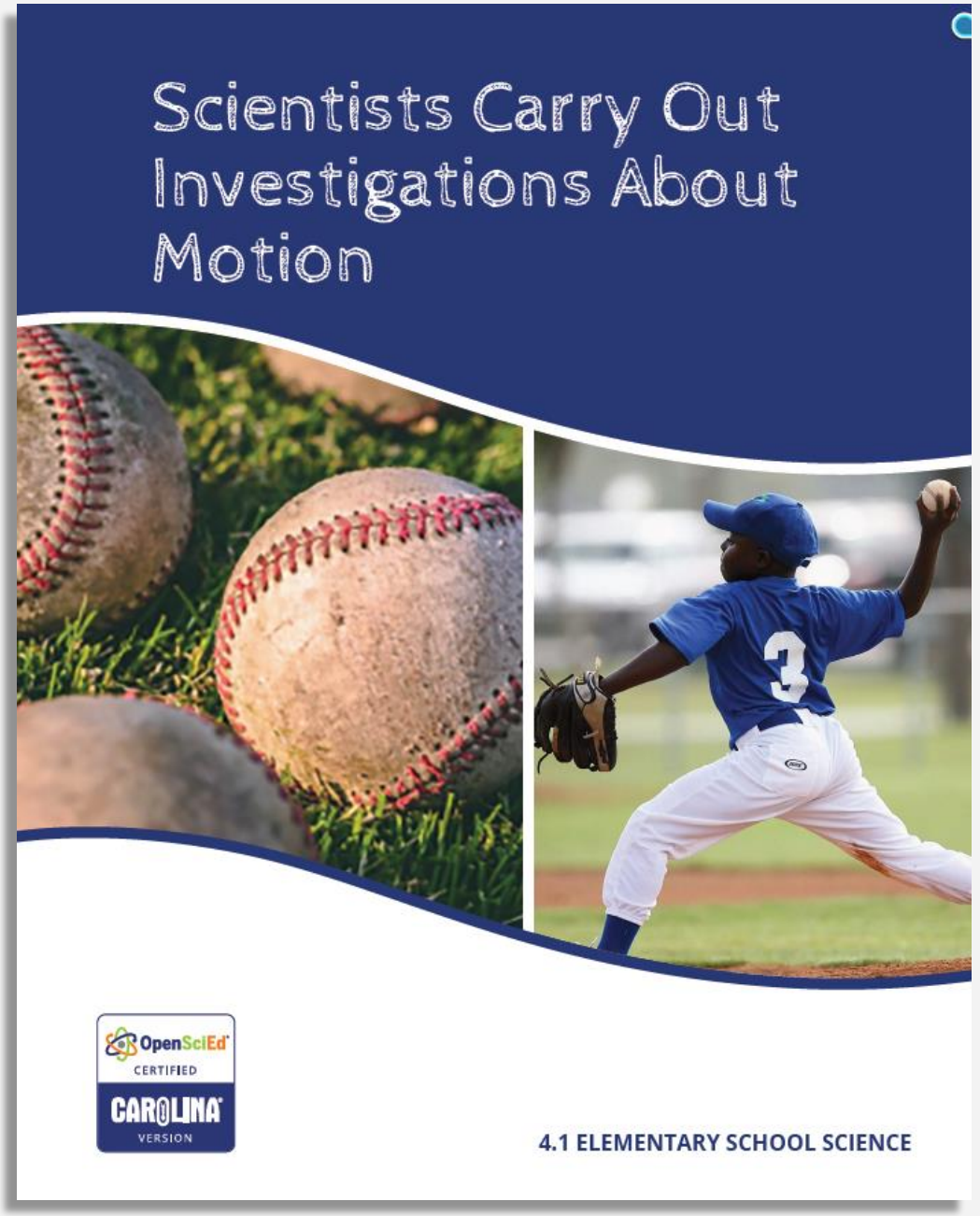
What is our investigation plan?

Investigation System	Procedures
Components of Our System: • 1 Kick Swing Set Up • 1 Kick Swing Card • 1 ping pong ball • 2 meter sticks Variables: • Variable that changes: kick size (force of the kick) • Variables that stay the same: the ball, kick foot, the ground	1. Following your teacher's directions, gather the materials for the investigation. 2. Following your teacher's directions, put your Kick Investigation System together. Make sure the base of the Kick Swing is flat on the investigation surface. Make sure the meter sticks are straight. 3. For each trial, do the following: a. One person puts the ball just in front of the hanging kick foot (as close to 0 inches as possible). b. One person pulls the kick foot back to the correct angle and holds it in place. c. One person makes sure the kick foot in the right spot

Read a book

How will reading about the work of scientists help us analyze our data?

What should we listen for as we read our book together?



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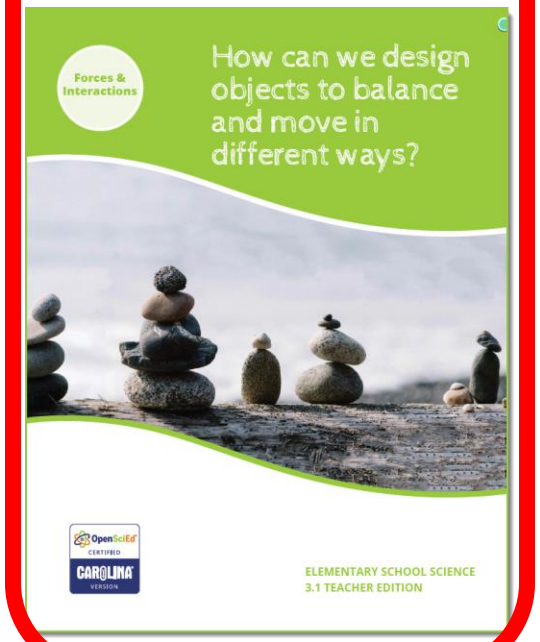

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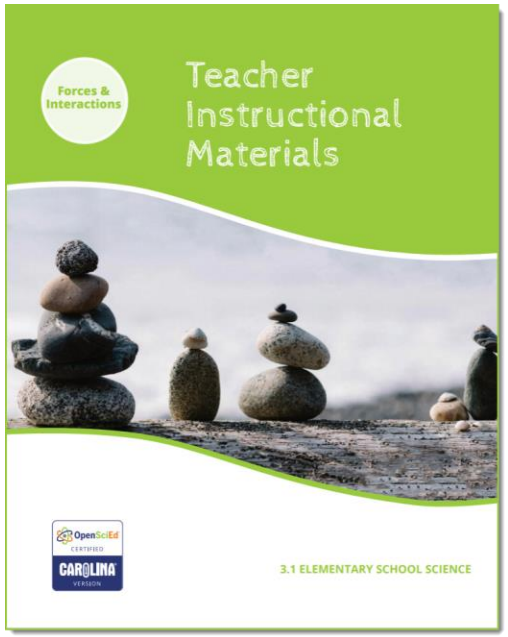

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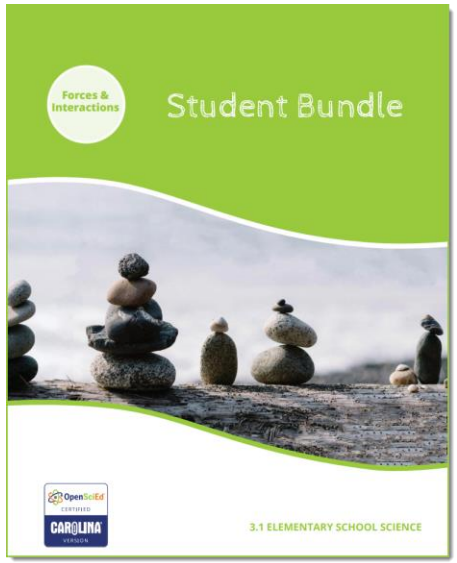

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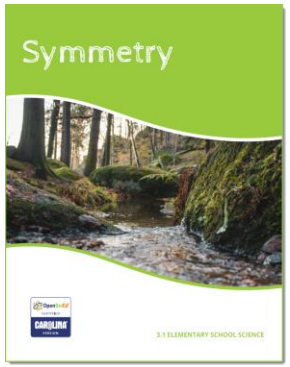

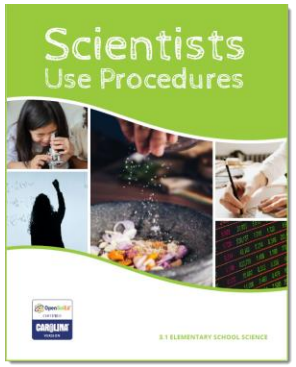

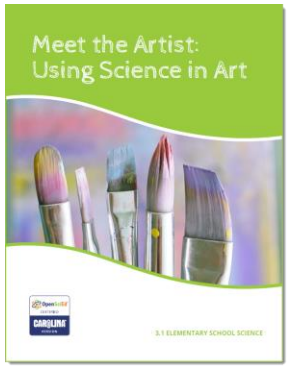

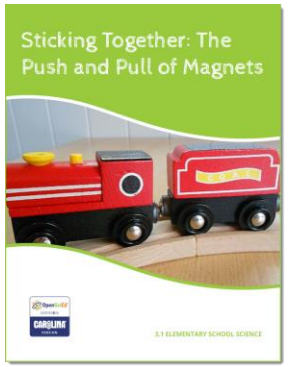

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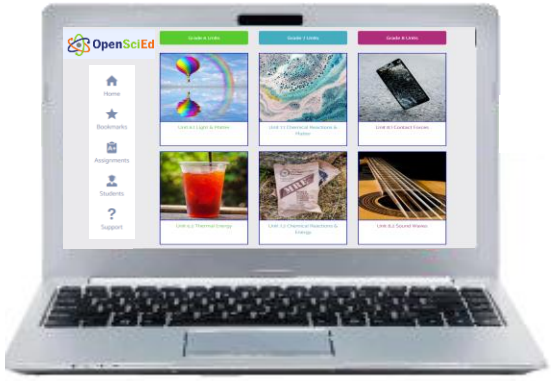

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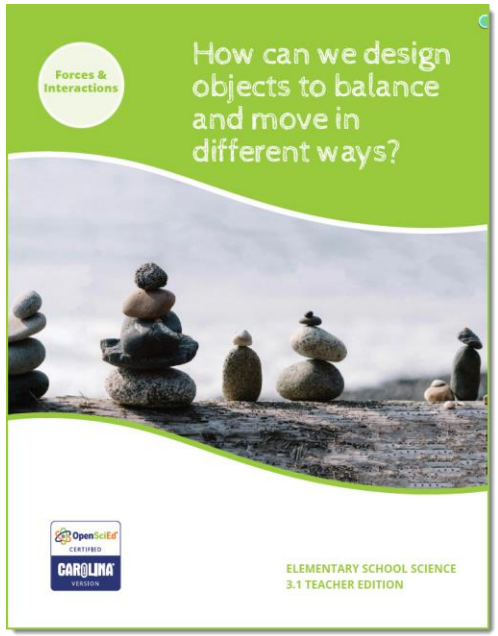

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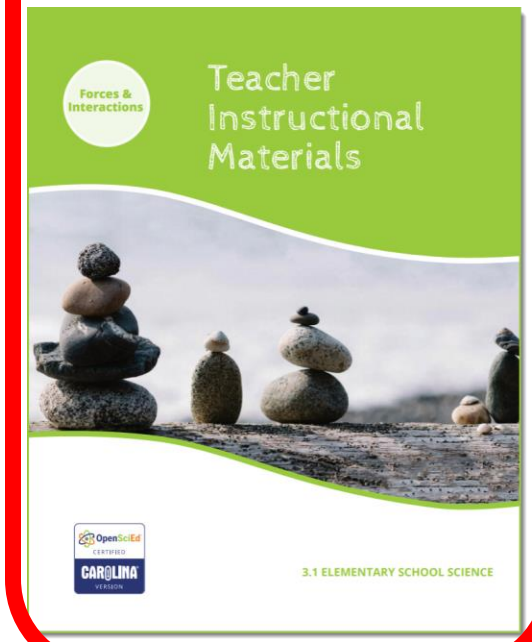

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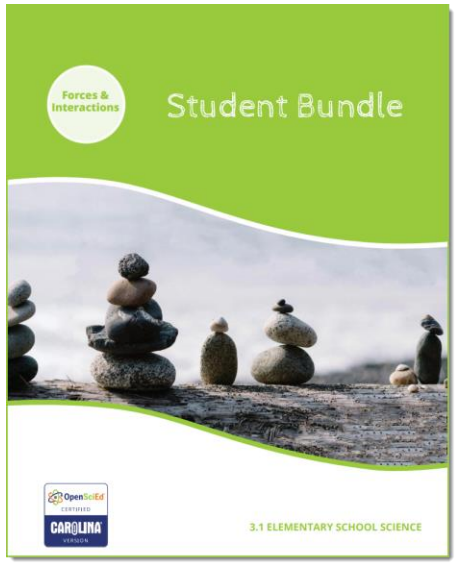

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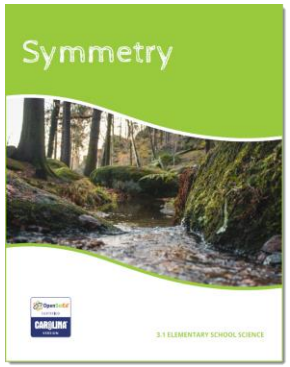

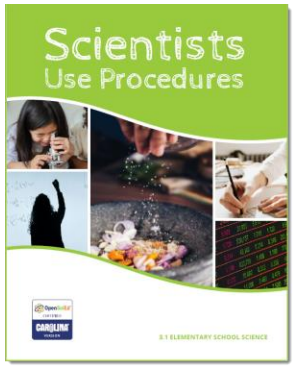

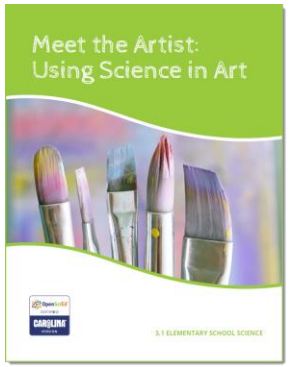

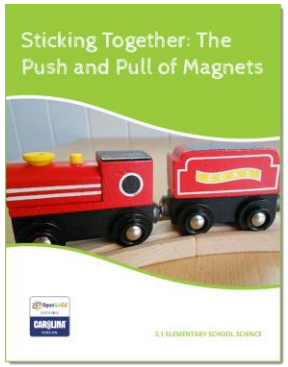

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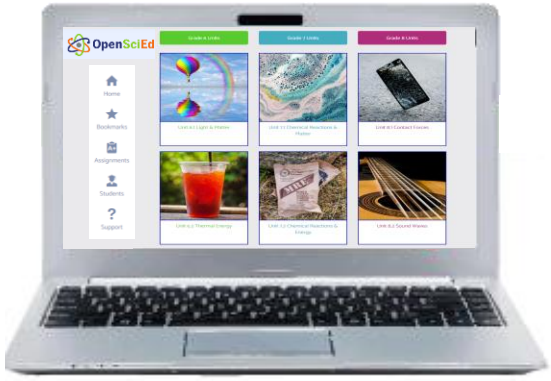

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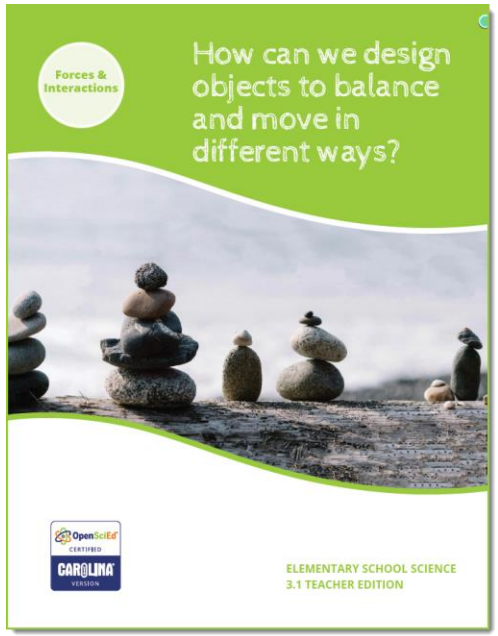

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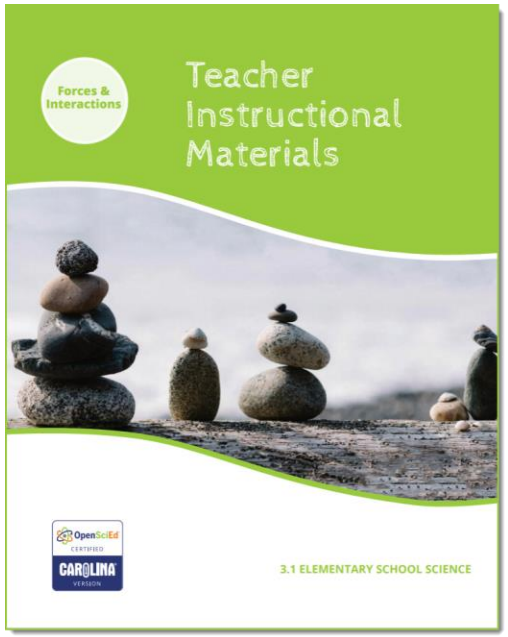

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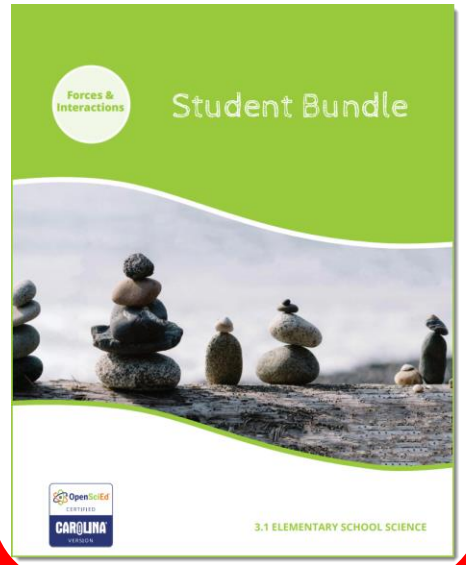

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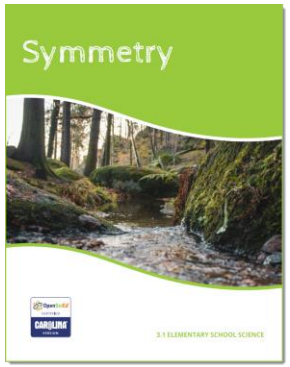

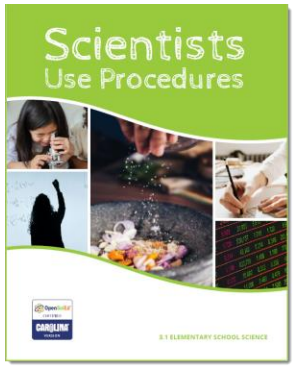

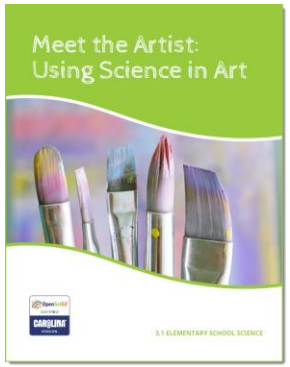

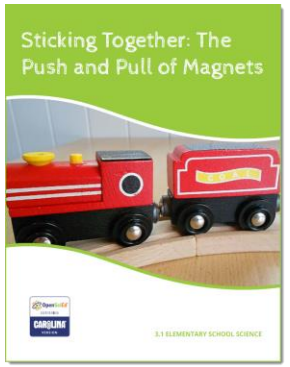

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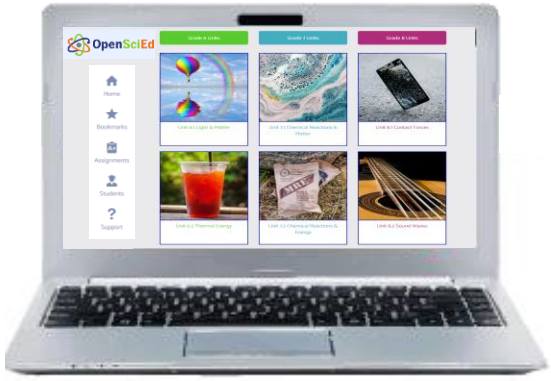

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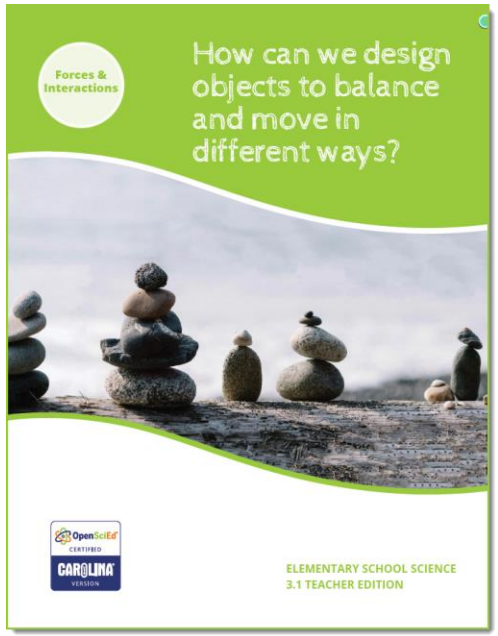

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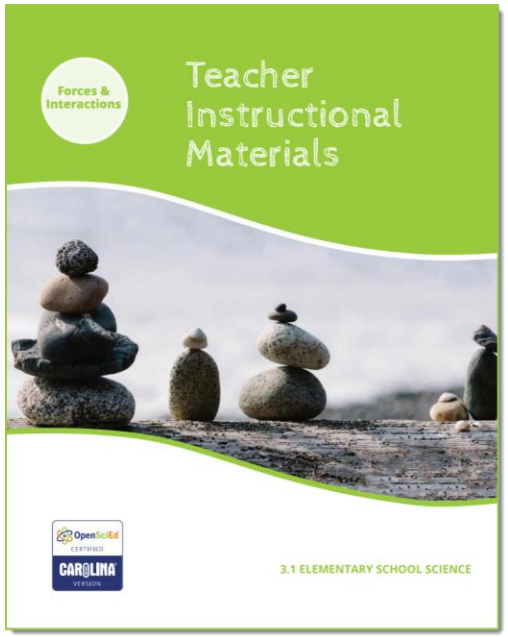

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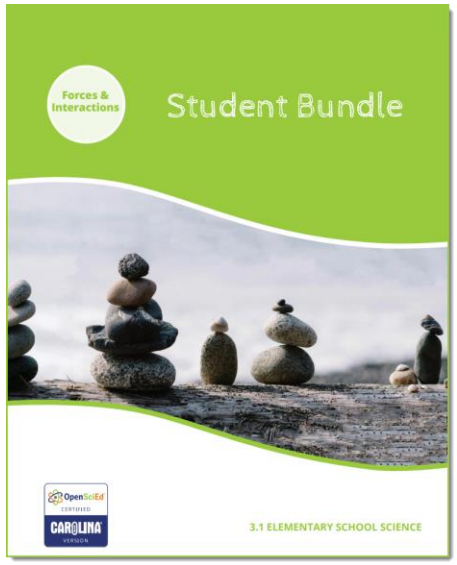

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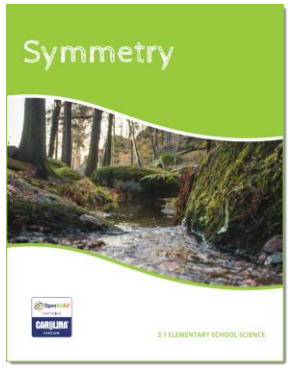

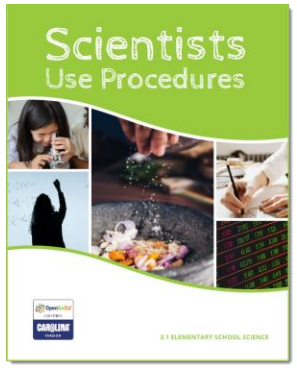

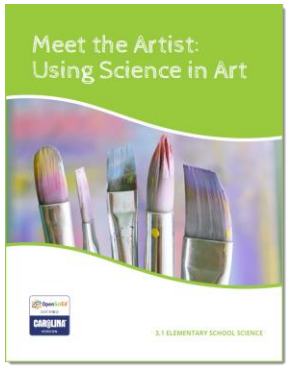

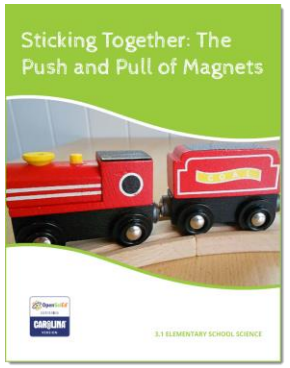

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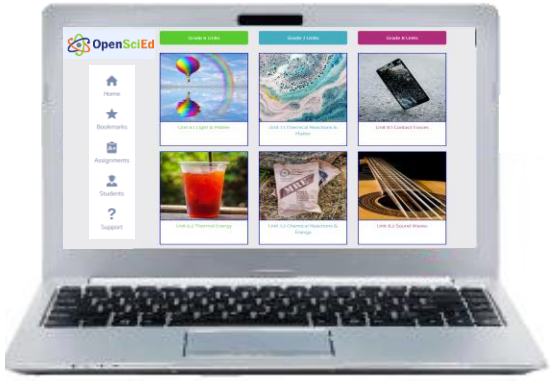

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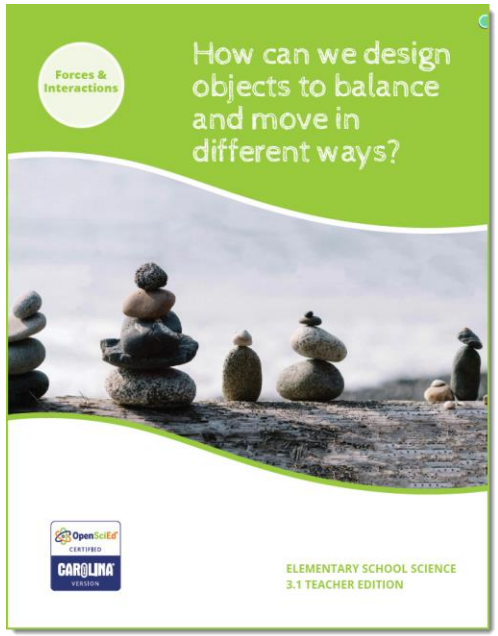

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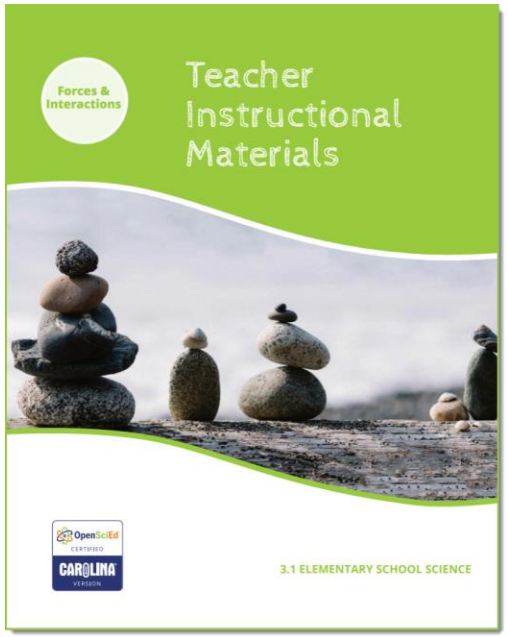

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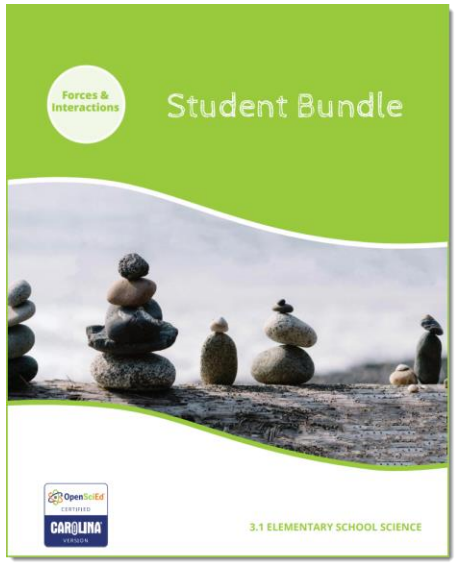

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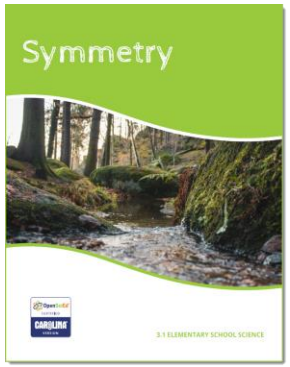

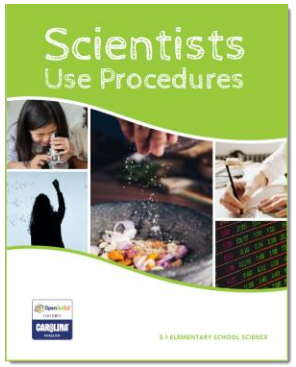

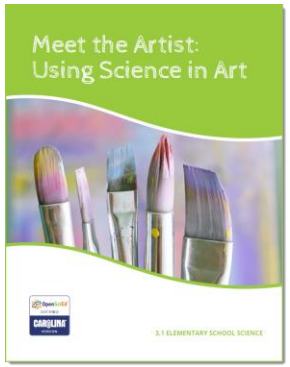

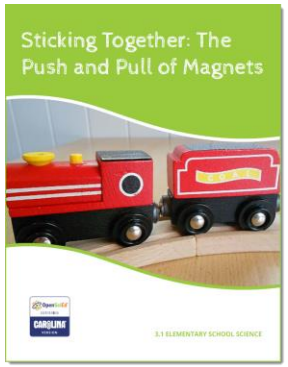

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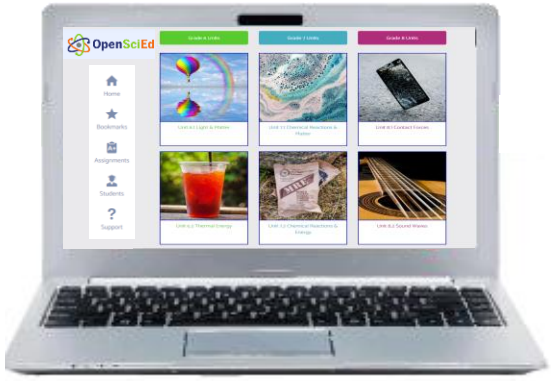

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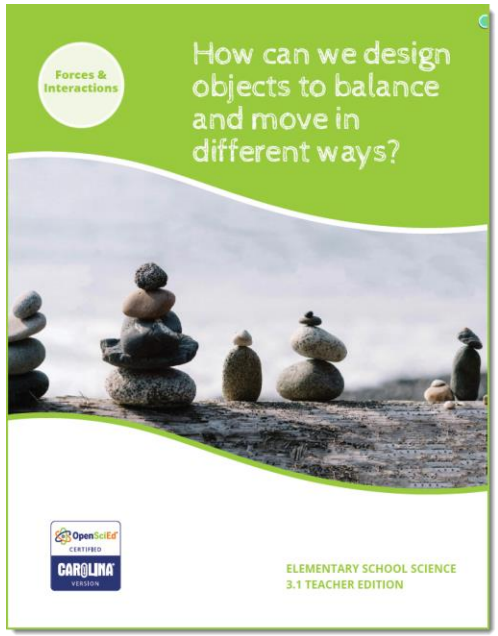

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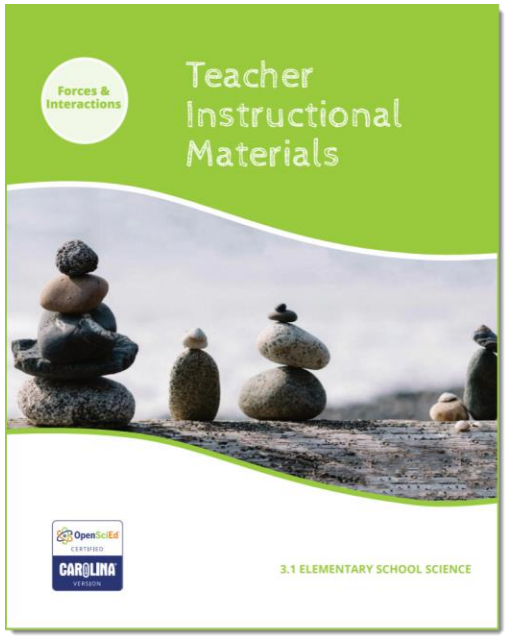

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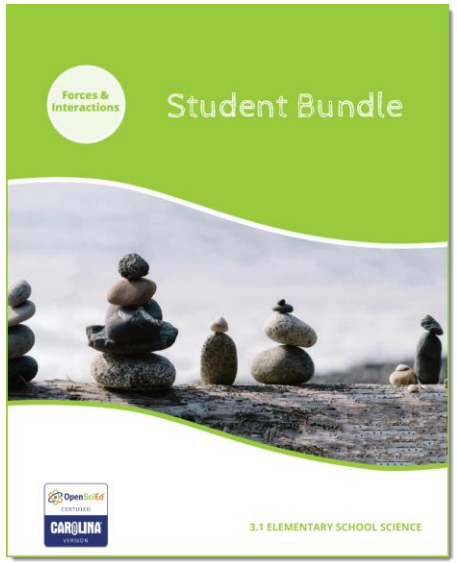

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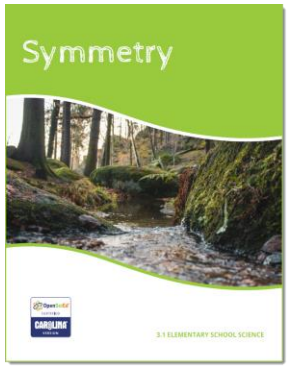

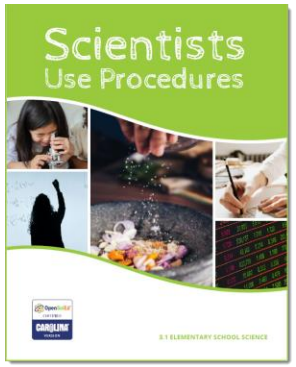

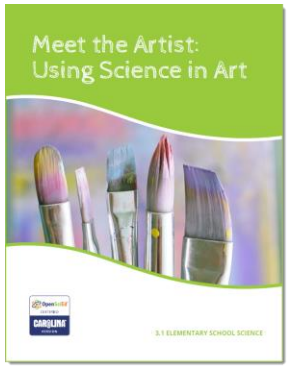

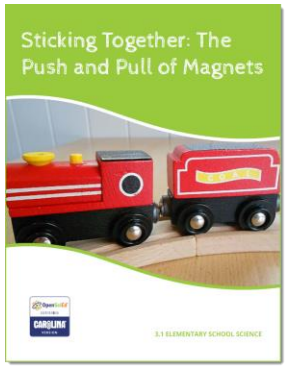

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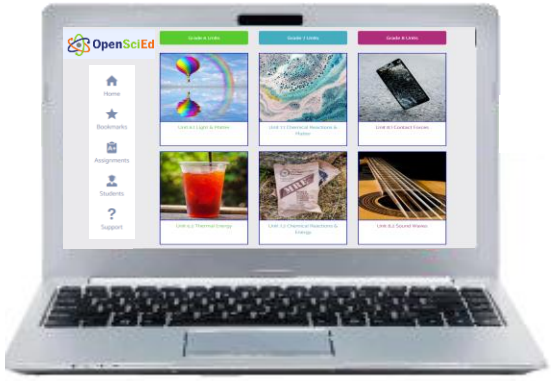

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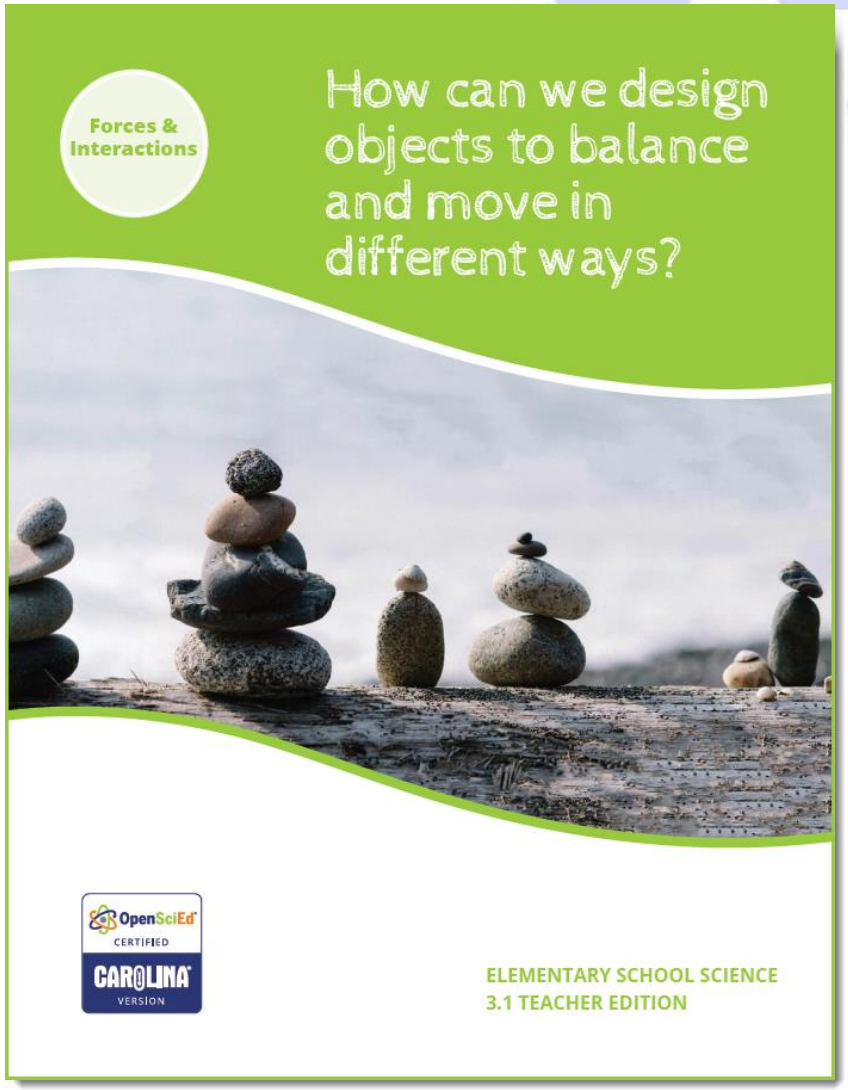

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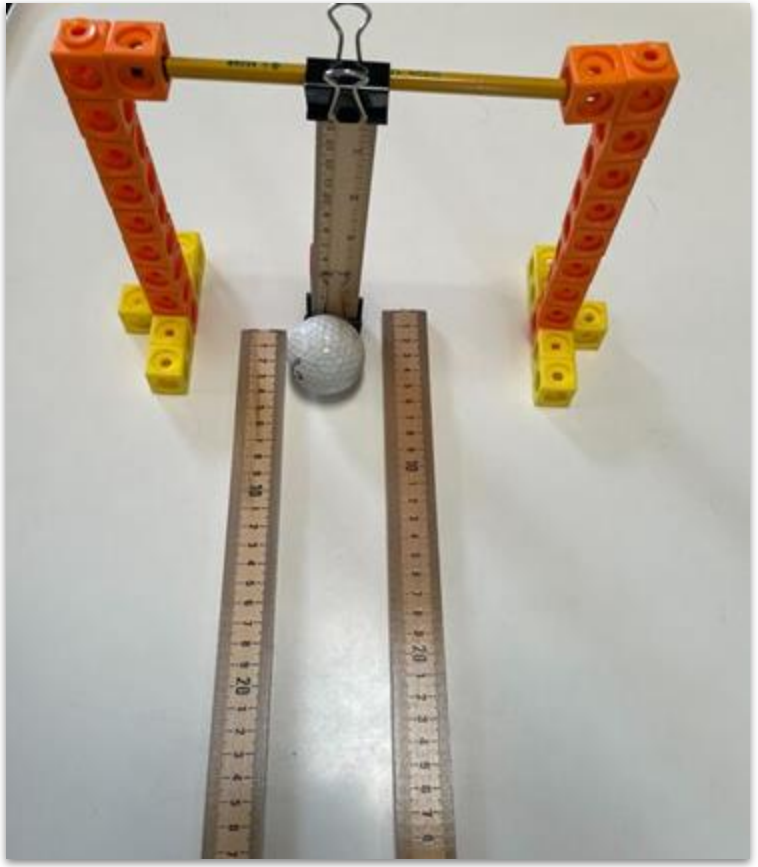

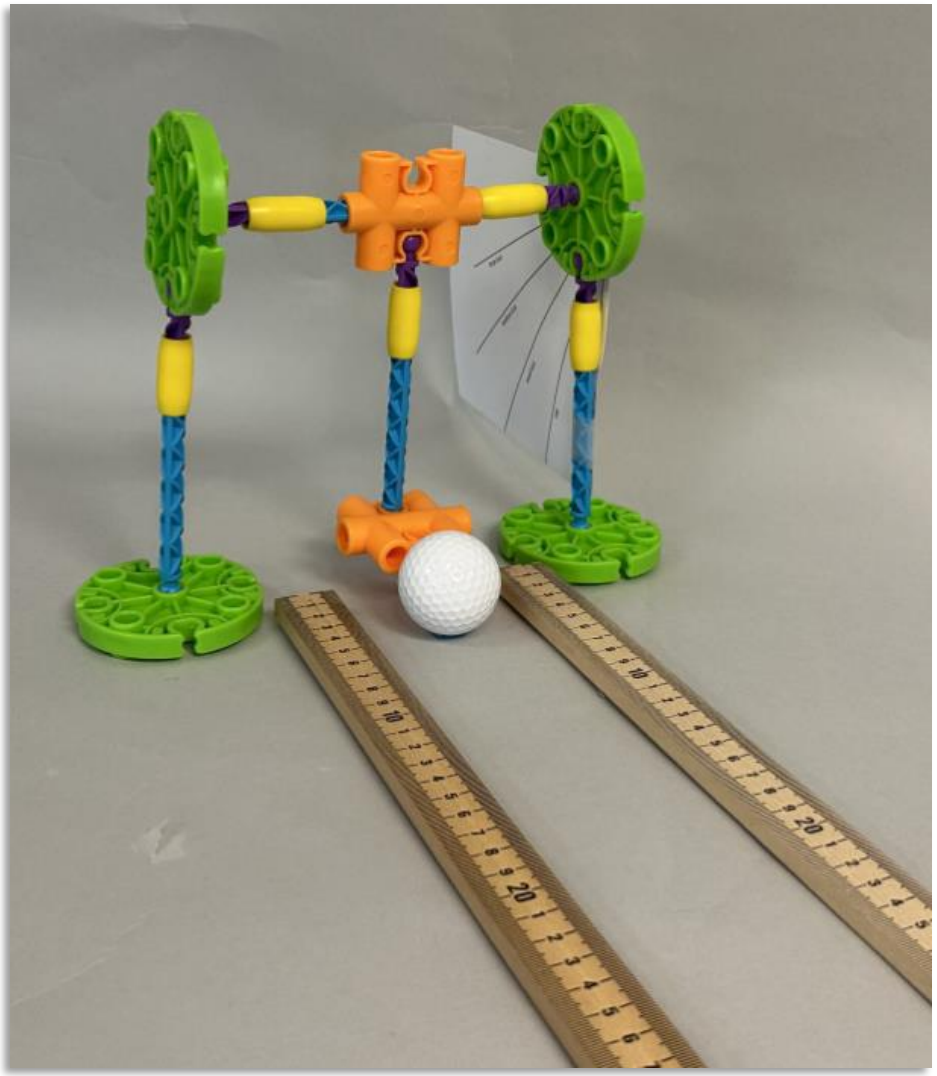

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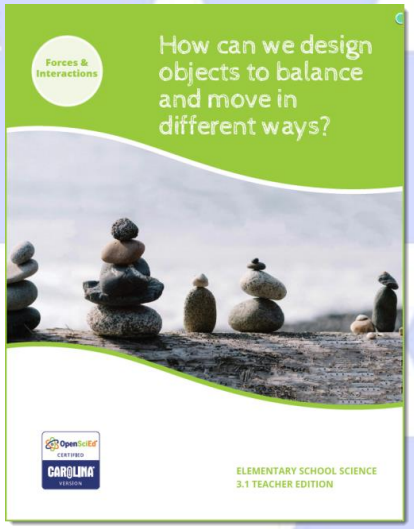

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