



3-5 Science (Earth Science) — Weekly Lesson Plan

GRADE LEVEL

3-5

SUBJECT

Science (Earth Science)

WEEK OF

Unit Overview

This weekly Science (Earth Science) plan covers earth's water cycle, weather patterns, and severe weather safety for 3-5 students, aligned to NGSS 3-ESS2-1, 4-ESS2-2, 5-ESS2-1.

Standards Alignment

NGSS 3-ESS2-1, 4-ESS2-2, 5-ESS2-1

Global Standards Mapping

United States:

NGSS 3-ESS2-1, 4-ESS2-2, 5-ESS2-1

United Kingdom:

Key Stage 2 (Years 3–6, ages 7–11)

Australia / NZ:

Years 3–6 (AC v9.0) · NZ Levels 2–3

IB Programme:

PYP — Years 3–5 (ages 8–11)

Canada (Ontario):

Ontario Junior Division (Grades 4–6)

Singapore / India:

MOE Primary 3–6 · NCERT Classes 3–5

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Companion Student Handout — ready to photocopy

Each lesson plan ships with a separate "Student Edition" PDF — daily I-can goals, vocabulary blanks, work space, and exit-ticket boxes. No teacher prep. Print and hand out.

Session 1

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Learning Objective

Students will engage with earth's water cycle, weather patterns, and severe weather safety at a 3-5 level — session 1 focus area.

Standards Alignment

NGSS 3-ESS2-1, 4-ESS2-2, 5-ESS2-1

Materials Needed

- Whiteboard
- Student notebooks
- Subject-specific handouts (provided)
- Anchor chart paper

Lesson Flow

Opening / Hook (5-10 min):

5 min — Open with a quick warm-up tied to earth's water cycle, weather patterns, and severe weather safety; ask: "What do you already know?"

Direct Instruction (15-20 min):

15 min — Introduce the day's concept with a worked example on the board.

Guided Practice (10-15 min):

10 min — Work through 2-3 problems together, students at desks responding.

Independent Practice (10-15 min):

10 min — Students complete the practice handout at their own pace.

Closing / Exit Ticket (5 min):

5 min — Exit ticket: students write one sentence summarizing today's learning.

Differentiation

For struggling learners:

Provide a partially-completed example to model the process step-by-step.

For advanced learners:

Offer an extension problem that requires applying the concept to a new context.

For ELL students:

Pre-teach 3-5 key vocabulary terms with visuals; provide a sentence frame.

For IEP students:

Reduce problem count by half; allow extended time and oral-response option.

Session 2

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Learning Objective

Students will engage with earth's water cycle, weather patterns, and severe weather safety at a 3-5 level — session 2 focus area.

Standards Alignment

NGSS 3-ESS2-1, 4-ESS2-2, 5-ESS2-1

Materials Needed

- Whiteboard
- Student notebooks
- Subject-specific handouts (provided)
- Anchor chart paper

Lesson Flow

Opening / Hook (5-10 min):

6 min — Open with a quick warm-up tied to earth's water cycle, weather patterns, and severe weather safety; ask: "What do you already know?"

Direct Instruction (15-20 min):

20 min — Introduce the day's concept with a worked example on the board.

Guided Practice (10-15 min):

15 min — Work through 2-3 problems together, students at desks responding.

Independent Practice (10-15 min):

15 min — Students complete the practice handout at their own pace.

Closing / Exit Ticket (5 min):

5 min — Exit ticket: students write one sentence summarizing today's learning.

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Session 3

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Learning Objective

Students will engage with earth's water cycle, weather patterns, and severe weather safety at a 3-5 level — session 3 focus area.

Standards Alignment

NGSS 3-ESS2-1, 4-ESS2-2, 5-ESS2-1

Materials Needed

- Whiteboard
- Student notebooks
- Subject-specific handouts (provided)
- Anchor chart paper

Lesson Flow

Opening / Hook (5-10 min):

7 min — Open with a quick warm-up tied to earth's water cycle, weather patterns, and severe weather safety; ask: "What do you already know?"

Direct Instruction (15-20 min):

15 min — Introduce the day's concept with a worked example on the board.

Guided Practice (10-15 min):

10 min — Work through 2-3 problems together, students at desks responding.

Independent Practice (10-15 min):

10 min — Students complete the practice handout at their own pace.

Closing / Exit Ticket (5 min):

5 min — Exit ticket: students write one sentence summarizing today's learning.

Differentiation

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For advanced learners:

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Session 4

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Learning Objective

Students will engage with earth's water cycle, weather patterns, and severe weather safety at a 3-5 level — session 4 focus area.

Standards Alignment

NGSS 3-ESS2-1, 4-ESS2-2, 5-ESS2-1

Materials Needed

- Whiteboard
- Student notebooks
- Subject-specific handouts (provided)
- Anchor chart paper

Lesson Flow

Opening / Hook (5-10 min):

8 min — Open with a quick warm-up tied to earth's water cycle, weather patterns, and severe weather safety; ask: "What do you already know?"

Direct Instruction (15-20 min):

20 min — Introduce the day's concept with a worked example on the board.

Guided Practice (10-15 min):

15 min — Work through 2-3 problems together, students at desks responding.

Independent Practice (10-15 min):

15 min — Students complete the practice handout at their own pace.

Closing / Exit Ticket (5 min):

5 min — Exit ticket: students write one sentence summarizing today's learning.

Differentiation

For struggling learners:

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For advanced learners:

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For ELL students:

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For IEP students:

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Session 5

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Learning Objective

Students will engage with earth's water cycle, weather patterns, and severe weather safety at a 3-5 level — session 5 focus area.

Standards Alignment

NGSS 3-ESS2-1, 4-ESS2-2, 5-ESS2-1

Materials Needed

- Whiteboard
- Student notebooks
- Subject-specific handouts (provided)
- Anchor chart paper

Lesson Flow

Opening / Hook (5-10 min):

9 min — Open with a quick warm-up tied to earth's water cycle, weather patterns, and severe weather safety; ask: "What do you already know?"

Direct Instruction (15-20 min):

15 min — Introduce the day's concept with a worked example on the board.

Guided Practice (10-15 min):

10 min — Work through 2-3 problems together, students at desks responding.

Independent Practice (10-15 min):

10 min — Students complete the practice handout at their own pace.

Closing / Exit Ticket (5 min):

5 min — Exit ticket: students write one sentence summarizing today's learning.

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