Subject: Science Grade: 6th Unit #: 1 Title: Diving into Science

#### **Diving into Science UNIT OVERVIEW**

## Established Goals/ Standards

#### **Big Idea in Science:**

How scientists behave and what they do.

NYS Standards in MMS Grade 6:Standard 1: Students will use (mathematical analysis), scientific inquiry, (and engineering design), to pose questions, seek answers, and develop solutions.

### **STAGE ONE: Identify Desired Results**

#### Long-Term Transfer Goal

At the end of this unit, students will use what they have learned to independently...

.Students will use (mathematical analysis), scientific inquiry, (and engineering design), to pose questions, seek answers, and develop solutions to work together as a group to solve problems and communicate results.

#### Meaning

# Enduring Understandings Students will understand that...

- the criteria and constraints of a problem are important aspects in determining how to approach a solution.
- science practices of iteration, keeping records, and sharing ideas as they work are part of how scientists solve problems

#### **Essential Questions:**

- How do scientists work together to solve problems?
- How do scientists design an experiment to solve a problem?

#### Acquisition

What knowledge will students learn as part of this unit?

- criteria and constraints of a problem are important aspects in determining how to approach a solution
- science practice of iteration and the importance for finding validity
- about matter and gravity, and its influence on the strength and stability of structures.
- How to construct a model

What skills will students learn as part of this unit?

- keep records/data and share ideas
- plan, build, test their new designs/model
- consider what they have learned to help them understand how scientists work together to solve problems
- identify inconsistencies in procedures that lead to variations in results.
- make a list of criteria and constraints
- run a class procedure in their groups and share results. If needed, revise the procedure(iteration), then test the procedure

	Reflect

STAGE TWO: Determine Acceptable Evidence		
	Assessment Evidence	
Criteria to assess understanding:  Scholars will  work cooperatively using teamwork  give explanations that are claims supported by evidence, accepted ideas and facts.  Explain the criteria and constraints that affected the design  Keep records/data tables and share ideas as they work to design their book supports and improve their Penny Experiment procedures.  Include why procedures must be repeatable and can be replicated. (validity)  Explain the reasoning behind changes made to original designs. (Iterations)	Performance Task focused on Transfer: P1:Design an investigation to solve the following problem: How much filling can be placed on the bottom cookie so it is completely covered but doesn't leak over the sides? (Engineering design process) P2: Compare IDEO scientists and engineers work as shown in video with their work on design projects (ie: book support, penney activity. Pgs DIV 102-DIV 103 Other Assessment Evidence:  Student Journals Create Your Explanation BLM Class discussion Drops on a Penny graph BLM Project Board BLM Testing My Design BLM	

T, M, A (Code for Transfer, Meaning Making and Acquisition)	STAGE THREE: Plan Learning Experiences	
	Learning Events:	Evidence of learning:
1.A,M		(formative assessment)
2. A,M	Day 1:	
3.A,M	<ul> <li>Introducing the final performance task( engineering</li> </ul>	
4. A, M	a design solution for a new product for the cookie	Summary + Closure at end of
5.A, M	company they work for) They will complete a series	each lesson utilizing the
6. A, M	of lessons to develop the skills and understandings	"Workshop Model".

7.T	they will need to accomplish this task.	
9.T	<ul> <li>How do scientists and engineers solve problems???         Activate prior knowledge using an EL protocol.         Introduce the Project Board.     </li> <li>IDEO The Deep Dive One Company's Secret Weapon for Innovation(22:01) Pg DIV 102- Show the part about teamwork</li> <li>Introduce expectations for group work- what does it look like to be part of a small workgroup</li> <li>Explain and define that a design challenge has 2 parts: constraint and criteria- what does this mean?</li> <li>Explain the book support challenge and begin design process( end of Day 1)</li> </ul>	Investigation Design Reports. Powerpoint/ poste
	Day 2 and Day 3	
	<ul> <li>Continue design process from prior days work( first attempt)</li> <li>Gallery walk plusses and minuses- sticky notes</li> <li>Video Teacher Demonstration on center mass/ columns</li> <li>Refine design based on feedback and center of mass, column demo- iteration</li> <li>Update Project Board</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Day 4</li> <li>Group presentations of book supports</li> <li>Students provide feedback to each other</li> <li>Update project board</li> <li>Introduce Line Plot</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Day 5 and 6</li> <li>Review the cookie simulation</li> <li>Penny Drop procedure design/carry out w/ a partner</li> <li>Create a line plot</li> <li>Communicate their results- why are the results all over the line graph?</li> <li>Introduce repeatable and replicate/validity- all class members will use the same process that we will develop as a class as they carry out the procedure agreed upon by all scholars</li> <li>Create a second Line Plot</li> </ul>	

• Compare and contrast data

•	Update Project Board
=	, 8 and 9
•	IDEO The Deep Dive One Company's Secret Weapon for Innovation(22:01) Pg DIV 102-Complete a venn diagram comparing their work, IDEO
•	work and things that are the same.  Complete performance task Pg DIV 102-( see details
•	in Stage 2) Present their work