Design and Build a Better Candy Bag

Demonstrate how product design differences can affect the success of a final product -- in this case a bag for holding candy. Students work in pairs to evaluate, design, and build a better candy bag.

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Strand: Scientific Investigation and Reasoning								
1.A Demonstrate safe practices as described in the Texas Safety Standards during classroom and outdoor investigations including observing a schoolyard habitat.	1.A Demonstrate safe practices and the use of safety equipment as described in the Texas Safety Standards during classroom and outdoor investigations.	1.A Demonstrate safe practices and the use of safety equipment as described in the Texas Safety Standards during classroom and outdoor investigations.	1.A Demonstrate safe practices during laboratory and field investigations as outlined in the Texas Safety Standards.	1.A Demonstrate safe practices during laboratory and field investigations as outlined in the Texas Safety Standards.	1.A Demonstrate safe practices during laboratory and field investigations as outlined in the Texas Safety Standards.	1.A Demonstrate safe practices during laboratory and field investigations.	1.A Demonstrate safe practices during laboratory and field investigations.	
1.B Make informed choices in the use and conservation of natural resources by recycling or reusing materials such as paper, aluminum cans, and plastics.	1.B Make informed choices in the use and conservation of natural resources and reusing and recycling of materials such as paper, aluminum, glass, cans and plastic.	1.B Make informed choices in the conservation, disposal, and recycling of materials.	1.B Practice appropriate use and conservation of resources including disposal, reuse, or recycling of materials.	1.B Practice appropriate use and conservation of resources including disposal, reuse, or recycling of materials.	1.B Practice appropriate use and conservation of resources including disposal, reuse, or recycling of materials.	1.B Demonstrate an understanding of the use and conservation of resources and the proper disposal or recycling of materials.	1.B Demonstrate an understanding of the use and conservation of resources and the proper disposal or recycling of materials.	
2.A Plan and implement descriptive investigations including asking and answering questions, making inferences, and selecting and using equipment or technology needed to solve a specific problem in the natural world.	2.A Plan and implement descriptive investigations, including asking well-defined questions, making inferences, and selecting and using appropriate equipment or technology to answer his/her questions.	2.A Describe, plan and implement simple experimental investigations testing one variable.	2.A Plan and implement comparative and descriptive investigations by making observations, asking well- defined questions, and using appropriate equipment and technology.	2.A Plan and implement comparative and descriptive investigations by making observations, asking well- defined questions and using appropriate equipment and technology.	2.A Plan and implement comparative and descriptive investigations by making observations, asking well- defined questions, and selecting and using appropriate equipment and technology.	2.B Plan and implement investigate procedures including asking questions, formulating testable hypotheses, and selecting equipment and technology.	2.E Design and implement investigative procedures including making observations, asking well-defined questions, formulating testable hypotheses, identifying variables, selecting appropriate equipment and technology, and evaluating numerical answers for reasonableness.	
		2.B Ask well- defined questions, formulate testable hypotheses, and	2.B Design and implement experimental investigations by	2.B Design and implement experimental investigations by	2.B Design and implement comparative and experimental			



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		select and use	making observations,	making observations,	investigations by		
		appropriate	asking well-defined	asking well-defined	making observations,		
		equipment and	questions, formulating	questions, formulating	asking well- defined		
		technology.	testable hypotheses,	testable hypotheses,	questions, formulating		
			and using appropriate	and using appropriate	testable hypotheses		
			equipment and	equipment and	and selecting and		
			technology.	technology.	using appropriate		
					equipment and		
					technology.		
2.B Collect data by	2.B Collect and	2.C Collect	2.C Collect and	2.C Collect and	2.C Collect and	2.C Collect data	2.H Make
observing and	record data by	information by	record data using the	record data using the	record data using the	and make	measurements with
measuring using the	observing and	detailed	International System	International System	International System	measurements with	accuracy and
metric system and	measuring, using	observations and	of Units (SI) and	of Units (SI) and	of Units (SI) and	precision.	precision and record
recognize	the metric system,	accurate	qualitative means	qualitative means	qualitative means		data using scientific
differences between	and using	measuring.	such as labeled	such as labeled	such as labeled		notation and
observed and	descriptive words		drawings, writing, and	drawings, writing, and	drawings, writing, and		International System
measured data.	and numerals, such		graphic organizers.	graphic organizers.	graphic organizers.		(SI) units.
	as labeled						
	drawings, writing,						
	and concept maps.						
2.C Construct maps,	2.C Construct	2.G Construct	2.D Construct tables,	2.D Construct tables	2.D Construct tables		
graphic organizers,	simple tables,	appropriate simple	using repeated trials	and graphs, using	and graphs, using		
simple tables, charts,	charts, bar graphs,	graphs, tables,	and means to	repeated trials and	repeated trials and		
and bar graphs using	and maps using	maps, and charts	organize data and	means to organize	means, to organize		
tools and current	tools and current	using technology	identify patterns.	data and identify	data and identify		
technology to				patterns.	patterns.		
organize, examine,	organize, examine,						
	and evaluate data.	organize, examine,					
measureu uata.		information					
2 D Analyze and	2 D. Analyze data	2 D Analyze and	2 E Analyze data to	2 E Analyze data to	2 E Analyze data to	2 D. Organize	2 Organize and
interpret patterns in	and interpret	interpret	formulate reasonable	formulate reasonable	formulate reasonable	analyze evaluate	evaluate data and
data to construct	natterns to	information to	explanations	explanations	explanations	make inferences	make inferences
reasonable	construct	construct	communicate valid	communicate valid	communicate valid	and predict trends	from data including
explanations based	reasonable	reasonable	conclusions	conclusions	conclusions	from data	the use of tables
on evidence from	explanations from	explanations from	supported by the	supported by the	supported by the	nom data.	charts and graphs
investigations	data that can be	direct (observable)	data and predict	data and predict	data, and predict		onano, ana grapho.
gatteriet	observed and	and indirect	trends	trends	trends		
	measured.	(inferred) evidence.					
2.E Demonstrate	2.E Perform	2.E Demonstrate					
that repeated	repeated	that repeated					
investigations may	investigations to	investigations may					
increase the	increase the	increase the					
reliability of results.	reliability of results.	reliability of results.					
2.F Communicate	2.F Communicate	2.F Communicate				2.E Communicate	2.K Communicate
valid conclusions	valid, oral and	valid conclusions in				valid conclusions.	valid conclusions
supported by data in	written results	both written and					supported by the
writing, by drawing	supported by data.	verbal forms.					data through various



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pictures, and through							methods such as lab		
verbal discussion.							reports, labeled		
							organizers, journals,		
							summaries, oral		
							reports, and		
							technology-based		
							reports.		
3.D Connect grade	3.D Connect	3.D Connect	3.D Relate the impact	3.D Relate the	3.D Relate the	3.D Evaluate the	3.D Explain the		
level appropriate	grade-level	grade-level	of research on	impact of research on	impact of research on	impact of research	impacts of the		
science concepts	appropriate science	appropriate science	scientific thought and	scientific thought and	scientific thought and	on scientific thought,	scientific		
science, science	history of science.	history of science.	history of science and	history of science and	history of science and	environment	variety of historical		
careers and	science careers,	science careers,	contributions of	contributions of	contributions of		and contemporary		
contributions of	and contributions of	and contributions of	scientists as related	scientists as related	scientists as related		scientists on		
scientists.	scientists.	scientists.	to the content.	to the content.	to the content.		scientific thought		
						3.E Describe	3 F Research and		
						connections	describe the		
						between physics	connections		
						and chemistry and	between physics		
			Strand: Mai	ttor and Enorgy		luture careers.	and future careers.		
E.A. Maggurg, toot	E A Magguro		Stranu. Mai	ller and Energy		6 C Analyza			
and record physical	compare, and					physical and			
properties of matter	contrast physical					chemical properties			
including	properties of matter					of elements and			
temperature, mass,	including size,					compounds such as,			
ability to sink or float	mass, voiume, states (solid liquid					color, density,			
ability to sink of hoat.	gas), temperature.					boiling point.			
	magnetism, and the					freezing point,			
	ability to sink or					conductivity, and			
	float.					reactivity.			
Strand: Force Motion and Energy									
o.B Demonstrate	b.D Design an	o.D Design an	o.∟ Investigate how		o.A Demonstrate and	4.A Describe and			
position and motion	the effect of force	tests the effect of	pullevs can be used		unbalanced forces	motion in terms of			
can be changed by	on an object such	force on an object.	to change the amount		change the speed or	position,			
pushing and pulling	as a push or a pull,	-	of force to move an		direction of an	displacement, speed			
objects to show work	gravity, friction, or		object.		object's motion.	and acceleration.			
swings balls	magneusm.								
pulleys, and wagons.									



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						4.C Investigate how	
						an object's motion	
						changes only when	
						a net force is	
						applied, including	
						activities and	
						equipment such as	
						toy cars, vehicle	
						restraints, sports	
						activities and	
						classroom objects.	

