

3rd Grade Gravity Standard and ILOs

Science Benchmark

Forces cause changes in the speed or direction of the motion of an object. The greater force placed on an object, the greater the change in motion. The more massive an object is, the less effect a given force will have upon the motion of the object. Earth's gravity pulls objects toward it without touching them.

STANDARD III: Students will understand the relationship between the force applied to an object and resulting motion of the object.

Objective 1: Demonstrate how forces cause changes in speed or direction of objects.

- a. Show that objects at rest will not move unless a force is applied to them.
- b. Compare the forces of pushing and pulling.
- c. Investigate how forces applied through simple machines affect the direction and/or amount of resulting force.

Objective 2: Demonstrate that the greater the force applied to an object, the greater the change in speed or direction of the object.

- a. Predict and observe what happens when a force is applied to an object (e.g., wind, flowing water).
- b. Compare and chart the relative effects of a force of the same strength on objects of different weight (e.g., the breeze from a fan will move a piece of paper but may not move a piece of cardboard)
- c. Compare the relative effects of forces of different strengths on an object (e.g., strong wind affects an object differently than a breeze).
- d. Conduct a simple investigation to show what happens when objects of various weights collide with one another (e.g., marbles, balls).
- e. Show how these concepts apply to various activities (e.g., batting a ball, kicking a ball, hitting a golf ball with a golf club) in terms of force, motion, speed, direction, and distance (e.g., slow, fast, hit hard, hit soft).

STANDARD IV: Students will understand that objects near Earth are pulled toward Earth by gravity.

Objective 1: Demonstrate that gravity is a force.

- a. Demonstrate that a force is required to overcome gravity.
- b. Use measurement to demonstrate that heavier objects require more force than lighter ones to overcome gravity.

Objective 2: Describe the effects of gravity on the motion of an object.

- a. Compare how the motion of an object rolling up or down a hill changes with the incline of the hill.
- b. Observe, record, and compare the effect of gravity on several objects in motion (e.g., a thrown ball and a dropped ball falling to Earth).
- c. Pose questions about gravity and forces.

Science language
students should use:

distance, force, gravity, weight, motion, speed, direction, simple machine

Intended Learning Outcomes for Third Grade Science

The Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs) describe the skills and attitudes students should learn as a result of science instruction. They are an essential part of the science Core Curriculum and provide teachers with a standard for evaluation of student learning in science. Instruction should include significant science experiences that lead to student understanding using the ILOs.

The main intent of science instruction in Utah is that students will value and use science as a process of obtaining knowledge based upon observable evidence.

By the end of third grade students will be able to:

1. Use Science Process and Thinking Skills

- a. Observe simple objects and patterns and report their observations.
- b. Sort and sequence data according to a given criterion.
- c. Make simple predictions and inferences based upon observations.
- d. Compare things and events.
- e. Use instruments to measure length, temperature, volume, and weight using appropriate units.

2. Manifest Scientific Attitudes and Interests

- a. Demonstrate a sense of curiosity about nature.
- b. Voluntarily read or look at books and other materials about science.
- c. Pose questions about objects, events, and processes.

3. Understand Science Concepts and Principles

- a. Know science information specified for their grade level
- b. Distinguish between examples and non-examples of science concepts taught.
- c. Explain science concepts and principles using their own words and explanations.

4. Communicate Effectively Using Science Language and Reasoning

- a. Record data accurately when given the appropriate form and format (e.g., table, graph, chart).
- b. Report observation with pictures, sentences, and models.
- c. Use scientific language appropriate to grade level in oral and written communication.
- d. Use available reference sources to obtain information.