# See What Science is All About

A pre-service/in-service video program for elementary teachers consisting of nine videotapes and comprehensive printed outline.

# **TOPICS:**

# K-3 PHYSICAL SCIENCE, Part 1 (1 hr. 8 min.)

MATTER (34 min.)
Physical properties
The five senses
Making approximations
Safety
Dissolving rates
Particle model

Identifying unknowns
Making measurements – units, length, weight, volume
Using the balance and graduated cylinder

MECHANICS (30 min.)

Classifying by position and motion Reading coordinates Investigating motion and energy Friction Simple machines

Levers – types, applications Inclined plane, wedge Wheel and axle Pulleys and gears

# K-3 PHYSICAL SCIENCE, Part 2 (1 hr. 5 min.)

HEAT (8 min.)
Sources of heat
Use of thermometers,
scientific methods
Heat transfer by conduction
Conductors and insulators

LIGHT (17 min.) Sources of light Transmission through different materials How a magnifier works Reflection and mirrors Shadows Colors - pigments, light SOUND (19 min.)
Sources of sound
Nature of sound
Intensity, frequency and pitch
Relationship of length,
tension and mass to pitch
Simple instruments
How vocal cords work
Sound travels through matter
Echoes
How the ear works (safety)

Types of magnets
What is a magnet?
Testing materials
Making magnets
Interacting poles
The earth's magnetic field
The compass
Field lines
The nature of electricity
Simple circuits
Testing materials

MAGNETISM/ELECTRICITY (19 min.)

Electromagnets Magnetism vs. electricity Use of electricity and conservation Safety

# 4-6 PHYSICAL SCIENCE, Part 1 (1 hr. 43 min.)

MATTER - Section 1 (36 min.) Safety The atom Reading the periodic table Elements, compounds, mixtures Filtering and using indicators Model for combining atoms Acids, bases and indicators pH MATTER - Section 2 (31 min.)
Weight of a gas
Physical and chemical properties
Chemical change
Paper chromatography
Density of solids, liquids and gases
Preparing hydrogen
Ratio of combining chemicals

MECHANICS (24 min.)
Forms of energy
Energy conversions
Work
Friction
Power
Gravity, mass and weight
Laws of motion
Potential and kinetic energy
Speed

## 4-6 PHYSICAL SCIENCE, Part 2 (1 hr. 34 min.)

Preparing and testing carbon dioxide

HEAT (24 min.)
Expansion of solids, liquids and gases
Model thermometer
Thermostat, heat devices
Heat and temperature
Transfer - conduction, convection, radiation
Applications
Insulators

LIGHT (23 min.)
Reflection
Refraction
Prisms, rainbows and the spectrum
Lenses – concave and convex
Pinhole camera
Mirrors – concave and convex
Other radiation
Safety
Speed of Light

SOUND (13 min.)
Quality, harmonics
Speed of sound
Vibrations and frequency
Sound devices
Miscellaneous ideas
Safety

ELECTRICITY/MAGNETISM (33 min.)
Static electricity
Current electricity
Batteries and bulbs
Series and parallel circuits
Switches
Resistance
Electromagnetic fields
Generating electricity

Magnetic strength Writing a lab report

#### K-3 EARTH SCIENCE, (1 hr. 23 min.)

ASTRONOMY (26 min.)

The earth's rotation Time and time zones Moon - characteristics and motion Stars and constellations Galaxies

GEOLOGY (16 min.) Properties of rocks

and soils Sink/float density of liquids Earth's surface features Soils - water holding

capacity

OCEANOGRAPHY (6 min.) Sand

Saltwater Growing/observing salt crystals Topography of the ocean floor Miscellaneous topics METEOROLOGY (34 min.)

Air - what it is, characteristics and properties Density - gases vs. liquids

Density vs. altitude Heat and air

Introduction to expansion of solids, liquids and gases

Wind - what it is, causes, measuring

Pressure Water - solid, liquid, gas Collecting water from the air

Clouds Weather charts

Working with air - experiment using scientific methods

### 4-6 EARTH SCIENCE (1 hr. 52 min.)

ASTRONOMY (34 min.)

Motion of moon, phases Moon facts Eclipses Planets Comets, Halley's Comet Time - earth's revolution Seasons Stars, constellations Measuring degrees

GEOLOGY (33 min.)

Chemistry of rocks, minerals Growing crystals Cooling rates vs. crystal size Identifying minerals physical properties Rock types Weathering of rocks Earthquakes, faults

OCEANOGRAPHY (12 min.)

Ocean floor, features Sonar Plate tectonics Salt in seawater

METEOROLOGY (29 min.)

Heating of earth and water Cause of winds - earth's features Temperature/pressure relationship Water cycle Hot air balloon

Air pressure - effects Temperature/humidity Relative humidity Weather charts

#### K-3 LIFE SCIENCE (2 hrs. 8 min.)

CELLS/GENETICS (24 min.)

The microprojector and its operation Plant and animal cells Cell model/cell division/observing an egg Living vs. non-living Classifying plants and animals

MICRO LIFE/FOSSILS (13 min.)

Microscopic life/preparing slides Characteristics of protists Microscopic animals (multicellular) Fossils, model of a fossil

PLANTS (37 min.)

Useful and harmful plants Observations and activities with seeds Investigating plant growth The parts of a plant and their functions

Simple plants:

ferns and mosses

ANIMALS (17 min.) Characteristics of vertebrates

Classifying animals Investigating the earthworm Mealworms, snails, sow bugs and

crickets Experimenting with brine shrimp Classroom pets

HUMANS (19 min.)

Health and safety Fingerprints The skin, pores and glands Reaction timer Lung capacity Muscles and joints Adaptations

ECOSYSTEMS (8 min.)

Needs of living things Resources in our community Animal communities Food chains Miscellaneous activities

#### 4-6 LIFE SCIENCE, Part 1 (1 hr. 40 min.)

CELLS/GENETICS (42 min.)

Parts of a cell Plant and animal cells Characteristics of microorganisms How cells reproduce Life in a drop of water Making permanent slides Osmosis Tissues, organs and organ systems Characteristics of living things Asexual and sexual reproduction Chromosomes Genetics

Variations among plants and animals

PLANTS - Section 1 (35 min.)

Flowers - monocots and dicots Parts of a flower

Germination Importance of cotyledons Starch and sugar in cotyledons

Photosynthesis Observing plant cells

Osmosis

Light and photosynthesis Carbon dioxide, water and leaves PLANTS - Section 2 (20 min.)

Stems

Woody vs. vascular stems Auxins and plant growth Function and parts of the stem

Tree rings Roots

Vegetative reproduction Plant adaptations

Tropisms

Importance of soil, value of agriculture

Homemade terrarium

# 4-6 LIFE SCIENCE, Part 2 (1 hr. 45 min.)

CLASSIFICATION/PROTISTS (24 min.) ANIMALS (43 min.)

The classification scheme Classification activities

Protists - fungi, molds, mildew and yeast

Fish scales

Classroom pets Adaptations - natural selection Live frog lab Goldfish observations

Earthworm experiments Reproduction Life cycles - metamorphosis

Mealworms, daphnia Food chain Brine shrimp experiments

Animal footprints

HUMANS (23 min.)

Classifying - characteristics Using a torso -

investigating body systems The digestive system Reproduction Reaction timer

The eye Squeeze power Pulse detector Teeth and bones

Investigating carbon dioxide production Nutrition - measuring vitamin C

ECOSYSTEMS (13 min.)

Animal communities Producers, consumers and decomposers Food chains and food webs

Thickness of an egg shell Investigating owl pellets

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