

Ocean Literacy Principles

1. The Earth has one big ocean with many features.
2. The ocean and life in the ocean shape the features of the Earth.

<http://www.coexploration.org/oceanliteracy/documents/OceanLitChart.pdf>

SC3.3 Scientific inquiry is a process used to explore the natural world using evidence from observations and investigations.

- Students will use a model to explore the impact of erosion on a watershed and the plants and animals that live there.

SC4.2 Interaction and Change: Living and non-living things undergo changes that involve force and energy.

- Students will use a model to describe the interactions of organisms and the environment where they live.

SC4.3 Scientific inquiry is a process of investigation through questioning, collecting, describing, and examining evidence to explain natural phenomena and artifacts.

- Students will use a model to explore the impact of erosion on a watershed and describe the interactions that occur between the plants and animals that live there.

6.2E.1 Explain the water cycle and the relationship to landforms and weather.

- Students will use a model to guide younger students understanding of how deforestation effects erosion, and watershed health.

6.3S.1 Based on observations and science principles, propose questions or hypotheses that can be examined through scientific investigation. Design and conduct an investigation that uses appropriate tools and techniques to collect relevant data.

- Students will guide younger students in making hypotheses, observations, conclusions, and connections regarding erosion and its impact on the watershed.

6th grade pre-teaching topics

water cycle rock cycle

watershed erosion

cooperative learning



6th grade
Erosion Model
Inquiry

Erosion Inquiry

Question: How will deforestation affect erosion patterns?

Hypothesis:

The side that does not have the trees, the nutrient soil is going to wash away when it rains, because the trees are technically holding the nutrient soil.

Observations:

- The trees are very tightly packed.
- The other side has very exposed dirt.
- The water looks very clear.
- The water is now very murky.
- The side that was exposed exposed bed rock.
- rills were formed on the side that was exposed.

Conclusion:

Our Hypothesis was right because the side with trees exposed no bed rock when it rained, but the other side did because the nutrient rich soil washed away.

3rd and 4th grade pre-teaching topics

salmon life cycle

limiting factors

migration

physical characteristics

adaptations

water cycle

watershed



3rd grade salmon
life cycle writing
sample

I've now hatched into
alevin, so I have more
blame than disease, and
nutrition. Logging could
at the cool, clean, fresh
ter and oxygen levels.

Now an adult salmon
in the ocean I have
to avoid sharks, orcas,
seals, large sea birds, porpoise,
and other dangers.

Now growth hormones
tell me its time to
go back to my natal
stream to spawn.

You thought going
down to the ocean
was hard its even harder
going back up is even

harder. Bears, eagles, deer
and fishes men block
my way. Now that I
made it to my spawning
grounds I mate. Unlike
most Pacific salmon
I live to spawn again.



Erosion Presentation

Group members will each have a job. The jobs are:

- VM - **Vocab Master:** This group member will introduce the vocabulary to the 3rd and 4th graders and help them come up with power phrases to remember the meaning of the words. - Nakoma - sub - Maria
- MM - **Model Maker:** This group member will help the 3rd and 4th graders set up the model, following the procedure. - Josue - sub - Charlotte + Maria
- S - **Scribe:** This group member will record the groups information on the butcher paper as the team moves through the activity with the 3rd and 4th graders. - Angelo - sub - Nakoma
- ML - **Model Leader:** This group member will lead the 3rd and 4th graders through the modeling questions and discussion. - Charlotte - sub - Angelo
- LW - **Lab Write up Leader:** This group member will lead the 3rd and 4th graders through the lab write up and discussion. - Maria - sub - Charlotte

The objectives of teaching this lesson to the 3rd and 4th graders are:

The students will be able to:

- ML Explain how models are used in science
- ML Explain what the parts of the model being used represent
- LW Form a hypothesis for the given question
- LW Make specific observations
- all Draw conclusions
- all Make connections between model and real world- especially aquatic animals

① Vocabulary- third and fourth graders will need to have an understanding of the following words. (Vocab Master) - Nakoma, Lab sheet

- What does — mean?
- watershed - When water flows from up to down to the same
 - sediment - small pieces of rock, or Earth materials
 - deforestation - When humans or nature make trees go away
 - deposition - When sediment gets deposited on in, a water
 - erosion - When water, glacier, wind, or chemicals wears away materials
- Don't give def

② **Model Building Procedure (Model Maker)** - Josue, SH

1. place entire lump of playdough in the center of the lasagna pan, on top of the foam layers.
2. cover the playdough with soil, packing soil around the playdough.
3. on half of the mound stick pipe cleaners closely together in rows to cover the entire half. Stick pipe cleaners into the mound far enough to reach the playdough.

③ **Model Questions (Model Leader)** - Charlotte

- only written question*
1. What is a scientific model? - a smaller version of area or phen to a place you can't get to
 2. Why are models used in science? - to make it easier, instead using a giant space. Speed up time
 3. What do the parts of our model represent? (Label diagram on inquiry outline) - Trees, bedrock, top soil, water (River)

④ **Record Hypothesis (Lab Write Up Leader)** - Maria - Angelo

Ask the students what they think the answer to the guiding question is. Each student should record their hypothesis on their inquiry outline.

What do you think will happen (why?)

⑤ **Make and Record "Before" Observations (Lab Write Up Leader)** - Maria

Questions to ask:

- Ask in order 1-3*
- ③. What do you notice about the deposition?
 - ①. What do you notice is different about the two sides of the pan?
 - ②. What do the two sides of the mound look like?

(What do you notice? What is different?)

5/4 Sample clean water for dissolved oxygen
(Model Maker assists student)

Josue

Why cross-age peer teaching?



* Improved cognition -

peer teacher and learner have similar amounts of prior experience and operate at a more proximal stage of development; this enhances learning and encourages deeper level, higher order thinking



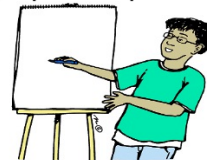
* Improved metacognition -

students reflect more critically on their teaching and learning



* Increased sense of responsibility -

enhances ownership of constructed knowledge through participation in the teaching and learning process



* Enhanced motivation -

creates sense of connection to learning process through participation with peers; learners feel less threatened seeking assistance from similar age peers

* Promotes communication, social, and leadership skills

Why include language objectives in science?

"The foundation of school success is academic literacy in English" (Echevarria, Vogt, & Short, 2008)

* ELL students and students from low socio-economic backgrounds struggle with academic language.

* Taft Elementary School: 27% ELL, 78% Low SES

* Oceanlake Elementary School: 4% ELL, 72% Low SES

* **Sheltered instruction** is a means for making content comprehensible by integrating language and content while infusing sociocultural awareness.

Sheltered Instruction is characterized by:

* Lesson preparation

- Content and Language objectives defined, displayed, and reviewed with students

* Building background

- New concepts explicitly linked to background experiences and past learning
- Key vocabulary emphasized

* Comprehensible input

- A variety of techniques used to make content clear (e.g., modeling, hands-on)

* Strategies

- Scaffolding used to assist and support student understanding

Language Objectives:

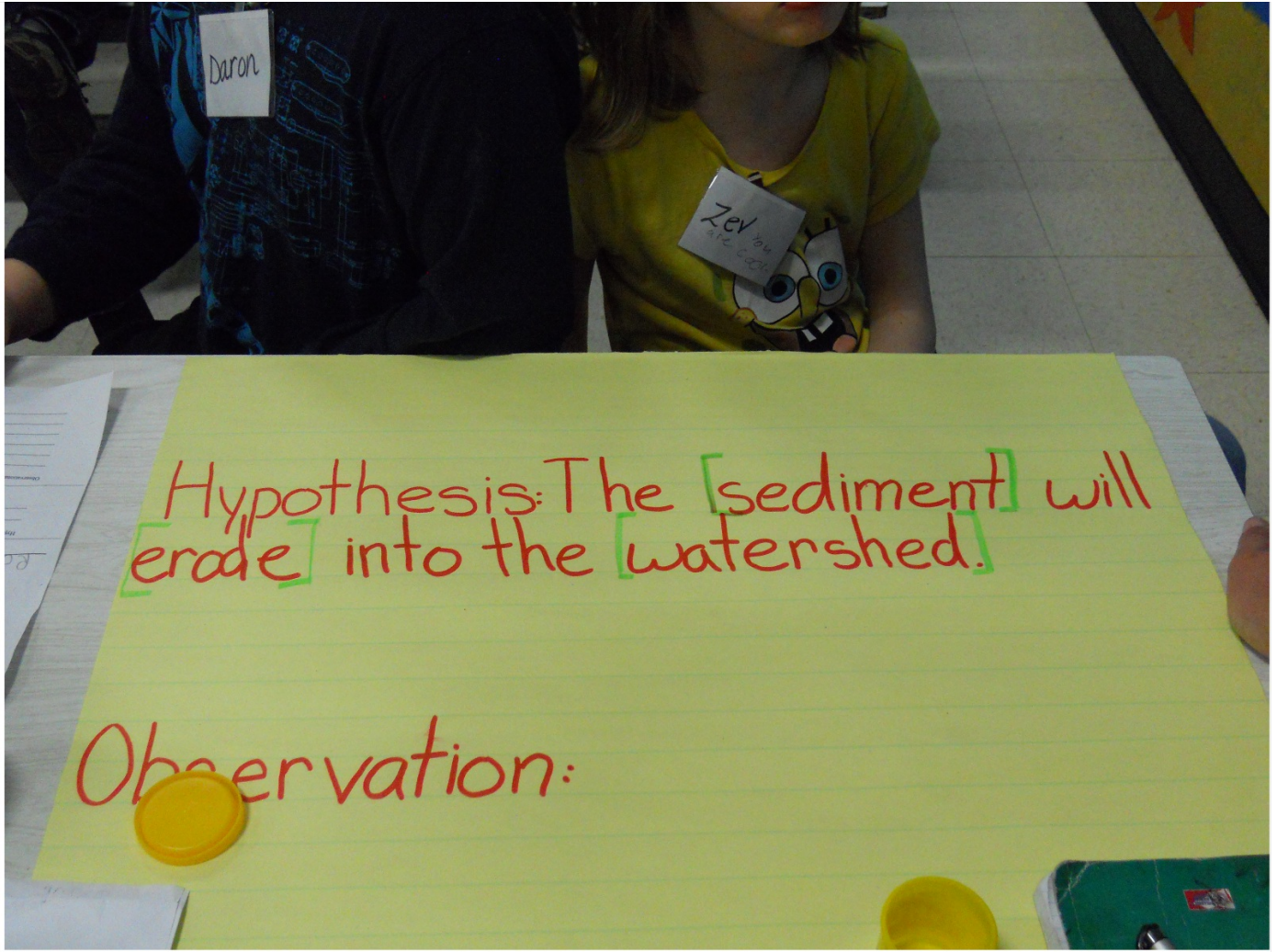
Students will be able to:

- **Verbally explain how models are used in science.**
- **Verbally explain what the parts of the model represent**
- **Students will label the parts of the model on a diagram**
- **Write a hypothesis**
- **Orally make observations**
- **Write conclusions drawn from the inquiry**

Instructional Objectives (6th grade):

Students will be able to:

- **Work cooperatively in a group**
- **Communicate erosion concepts clearly**
- **Assist in rephrasing thinking using given vocabulary words**



Hypothesis: The [sediment] will [erode] into the [watershed].

Observation:

The peer teaching inquiry specifically allowed for:

*** Interaction**

- Frequent opportunities for interaction and discussion among students, which encourage elaborated responses about concepts
- Grouping configurations support language and content objectives
- Ample opportunity for students to clarify key concepts

*** Practice/application**

- Hands-on materials and/or manipulatives provided for students to practice using new content knowledge
- Activities provided apply content and language knowledge
- Activities integrate all language skills (i.e., reading, writing, listening, speaking)

*** Lesson delivery**

- Content and Language objectives clearly supported by lesson delivery
- Students engaged approximately 90% to 100% of the period
- Pacing of the lesson appropriate to ability levels

*** Review/assessment**

3rd grade
post-assessment

4-27-11 effect on a watershed
Yesterday, I had a project with some 6th graders from last to build a model watershed. We did it with playdough for the bedrock. Next we trickled sediment on the bedrock. We used pipe cleaners as trees on the forested side but not the deforested side. Then, we made a rainstorm when we did it dirt ~~on~~ on the deforested side. We did it because we wanted to see the impact of erosion on a watershed. I thought the sediment would erode on the deforested side into the watershed.

4th grade
post-assessment

Erosion Inquiry Cont.

New Story -deposition 25

Erosion Watershed sediment deforestation

Yesterday, we had a science experiment. We made a scientific model. It was a watershed. We used play-doh as a bedrock for the mountain. We poured soil on it. We put pipe cleaners in as trees. A nearwig scurried up a tree. We poured water in. Sediment got in the water. We made it rain. The rain created erosion. There was deposition of dirt into water. One side of the mountain had deforestation by palm-oil companies. All the soil fell off that side. When it rained, the trees were moistened.

Watershed Model

rain (cup) mountain (soil) trees (pipe cleaners)

nearwig sediment pan

sediment bedrock (play-doh) water (tap water)

padding (for bedrock) (foam)

6th grade post-reflection

1. Teaching did help me understand the erosion concepts a little better. The reason why is because the questions that they would ask were really good. They were not like really obvious. These questions had good answers. They made me learn some stuff on erosion I did not know.

2. My group was able to work well together. If someone was not sure about something other group member would be sure to fill them in.

3. I thought I did my part well. I made sure that I would not leave the ocean lake school with out the 3rd and 4th graders knowing all there vocabulary words. I was kind and paid attention to what my group members had to say.

6th grade
post-reflection

Teaching did help me understand more about the experiment, because I actually had to think more about it and make up a more simple way to say it. I did get a lot of blank stares when I said the original questions like "What do you notice about the deposition?" instead I said "where did all the soil end up, where did they go?" so I had to think harder to make it easier for the kids.

Adjustments

- * More time for drawing conclusions and making connections
Allow opportunity for cross age peer groups to meet after doing reflection writing to share writing and "ah-ha's"

- * Pre-teach scientific questioning strategies
Discuss types of questions, how to scaffold questions, and how to restate responses using key vocabulary

- * Logistical improvements
 - Round tables, closer to model lab sheet on wall
 - Mixed-age seating
 - Color coded grouping
 - Room with better acoustics

Resources

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Model Lesson

www.stillysnofish.org

Project Wild Aquatic

www.projectwild.org

Alaska Sea Grant

www.seagrant.uaf.edu

Sheltered Instruction- SIOP model