

1st Grade Unit 4  
6 weeks



# Space Systems: Patterns and Cycles - Part II

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The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document <i>A Framework for K-12 Science Education</i> :		
Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</b> Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple investigations, based on fair tests, which provide data to support explanations or design solutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Make observations (firsthand or from media) to collect data that can be used to make comparisons. (1-ESS1-2)</li></ul> <b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use observations (firsthand or from media) to describe patterns in the natural world in order to answer scientific questions. (1-ESS1-1)</li></ul>	<b>ESS1.A: The Universe and its Stars</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Patterns of the motion of the sun, moon, and stars in the sky can be observed, described, and predicted. (1-ESS1-1)</li></ul> <b>ESS1.B: Earth and the Solar System</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Seasonal patterns of sunrise and sunset can be observed, described, and predicted. (1-ESS1-2)</li></ul>	<b>Patterns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Patterns in the natural world can be observed, used to describe phenomena, and used as evidence. (1-ESS1-1, 1-ESS1-2)</li></ul> <hr/> <b>Connections to Nature of Science</b>  <b>Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Science assumes natural events happen today as they happened in the past. (1-ESS1-1)</li><li>Many events are repeated. (1-ESS1-1)</li></ul>
Connections to other DCIs in first grade: N/A		
Connections to other DCIs across grade levels: 3.PS2.A (1-ESS1-1); 5.PS2.B (1-ESS1-1, 1-ESS1-2) 5-ESS1.B (1-ESS1-1, 1-ESS1-2)		
Common Core State Standards Connections:		
ELA/Literacy –		
W.1.7	Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of “how-to” books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions). (1-ESS1-1, 1-ESS1-2)	
W.1.8	With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (1-ESS1-1, 1-ESS1-2)	
Mathematics –		
MP.2	Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (1-ESS1-2)	
MP.4	Model with mathematics. (1-ESS1-2)	
MP.5	Use appropriate tools strategically. (1-ESS1-2)	
1.OA.A.1	Use addition and subtraction within 20 to solve word problems involving situations of adding to, taking from, putting together, taking apart, and comparing, with unknowns in all positions, e.g., by using objects, drawings, and equations to represent the problem. (1-ESS1-2)	
1.MD.C.4	Organize, represent, and interpret data with up to three categories; ask and answer questions about the total number of data points, how many in each category, and how many more or less are in one category than in another. (1-ESS1-2)	

# Space Systems: Patterns and Cycles

Background knowledge videos:

[ESS1.A The Universe and its Stars](#)

[ESS1.B Earth and the Solar System](#)

These videos are designed to assist in providing background knowledge with the associated DCI. The information in the videos follows the progression through high school.

## [Additional Background Knowledge and Understanding of Progression of Instruction](#)

*\*\*p.188-189 How the understanding develops - lower elementary\*\**

From *Disciplinary Core Ideas: Reshaping Teaching and Learning*

by Ravit Golan Duncan, Joseph Krajcik, and Ann E. Rivet

*\*Rogers RPS30/Google Account needed to access*



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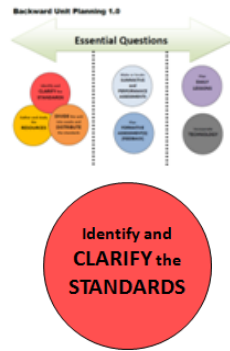
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## Big Ideas

- ★ Observations can be used to describe patterns in the natural world
- ★ Patterns in the natural world can be observed, used to describe phenomena, and used as evidence.

This unit explores these patterns:

- The Sun appears to rise in one part of the sky, move across the sky, and set
- Seasonal patterns of sunrise and sunset (longer periods of sunlight in summer/less sunlight in winter)
- The moon has a pattern which can be observed through its changing phases.
- Stars, other than our sun, are visible at night but not during the day.



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## Clarifications:

This unit continues and extends the learning you began at the beginning of the year. You will use the observations and data you've collected throughout the year about hours of sunlight/sunrise & sunset and formalize understandings about how the patterns we see in that data can help us make predictions.

The first 3 weeks of the unit will be spent formalizing the ideas about how the patterns of the motion of the sun create seasonal patterns and day and night.

The last 3 weeks of the unit will be spent understanding patterns in the night sky with the moon and stars.

### Disciplinary Core Ideas

#### ESS1.A: The Universe and its Stars

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**Gather and study the RESOURCES**

## Discovery Education Techbook:



# EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE



UNIT:

## Up In the Sky

[View Unit](#)

CONCEPT:

### Objects in the Sky

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### Seasons of the Year

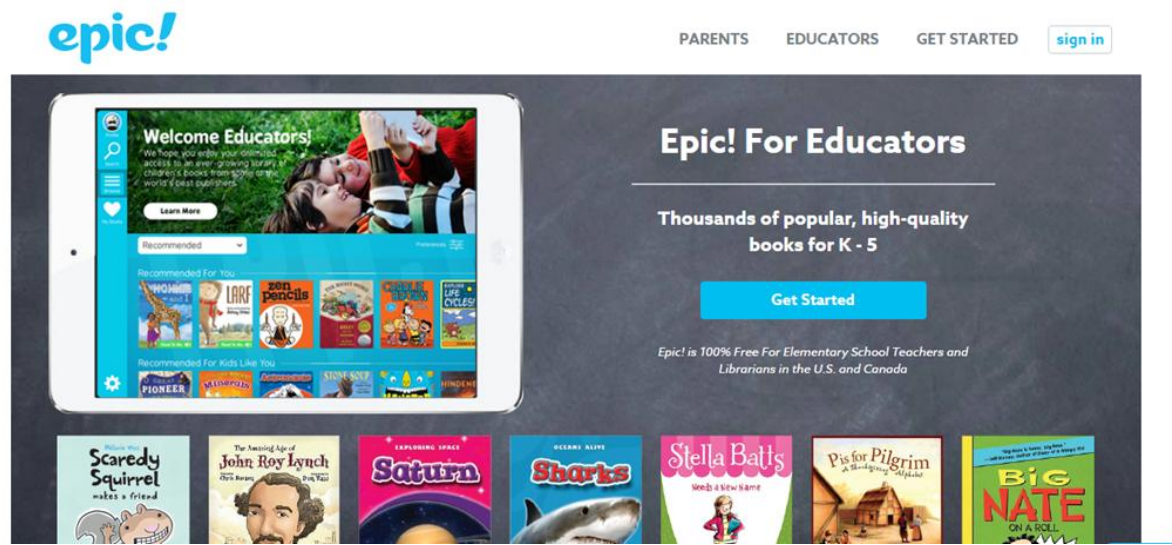
\*Some of the lessons in Objects in the Sky were completed during Unit 1.

# Get EPIC!

Epic! For Educators – FREE resource for book for Kindergarten – 5th grade.

Sign up for a FREE educator account: Create collections, add your class, assign books, read as read alouds, audio books, and more!

Go to [www.getepic.com](http://www.getepic.com) and click on the EDUCATORS tab to get started.



We have selected books for you to use in this science unit. In order to use these books, you will need to have an account.

Books will be labeled throughout the unit with ***EPIC!*** and a picture of the book.

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### Engage:

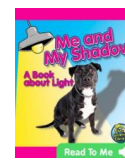
Accessing prior knowledge about day and night

- What they might you see during the day and during the night [Draw and describe Day and Night](#)
- DE Video Segment [Describing Day and Night](#)
- [EPIC book](#) *Day and Night* by Patricia Armentrout

### Explore:

- [Where is the Sun?](#) observation activity
- [How do our shadows change?](#) Shadow chalk drawings exploration
- DE Video Segments: [The Sun at Different Times of the Day](#) [Shadows, Sunrises, and Sunsets](#)
- [EPIC books](#) *Day and Night* by Conrad Storad; *Me and My Shadow* by Buffy Silverman
- [Daytime Shadows](#) - interactive animation of how shadows change throughout the day

### EPIC! Books



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## Additional Resources:

Lessons from BetterLesson.com on the Sun and Patterns in the sky:

[Introduction and Pre-Assessment](#)  
[Observing the Sun](#)  
[Analyzing the Sun Data](#)  
[Sun: Facts and Figures](#)  
[Patterns in the Sky](#)  
[Patterns of Daylight](#)

## Explain/Elaborate:

- [Day and Night: Hokey Pokey](#) BetterLesson.com
- DE Video Segment [What Causes Day and Night](#)
- Analyze data you recorded with your students of hours of daylight throughout the year ([observation chart from Unit 1](#) [Example Chart with data](#))

[Data Analysis Teacher Support](#) - teacher guide for analyzing the data you've collected

\*\*If you have not collected this type of data throughout the year, you can use the data found in this website for this activity <https://www.timeanddate.com/sun/usa/rogers>

## Evaluate:

DE Primary Assessment: [Objects in the Sky](#) (only pages 1-4)

# Weeks 2-3

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### Big Idea: Seasonal Patterns

#### Engage:

Access prior knowledge of seasons

- Write & draw about their favorite season/activity in a season
- [Seasons' Song Video](#)
- DE Engage Tab: [How Do the Seasons Change throughout the Year](#)

#### Explore

Explore the characteristics of each season:

- DE [Explore](#) & [Explore More Resources](#)
- Mini-Research Project:
  - Explore each season
  - Small groups or whole group
  - Read various trade books, watch videos, use DE Boards, etc., to explore characteristics of each season. *(possible resources on right and/or choose from your own resources)*
  - Create a season notebook, poster, or presentation to record and share all the information they learn about each season

#### Season Resources:

[Four Seasons Lesson](#)

DE Boards: [Seasons](#) [The Four Seasons](#)

DE Ebook: [Changing Seasons](#)

DE Reading Passage: [Seasons and You](#)

DE Video: [Seasons](#)

[Fall Lesson](#) [Winter Lesson](#)

[Spring Lesson](#)

EPIC! Books:

[How Do We Know It's Spring](#)

[How Do We Know It's Summer](#)

[How Do We Know It's Fall](#)

[How Do We Know It's Winter](#)



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### Big Idea: Seasonal Patterns, continued

#### Explain

Students will begin to formalize explanations about the patterns that are created by the four seasons

- [Brain Pop Video - Seasons](#)
- EPIC! video [Why do we have seasons](#)
- EPIC! Book: [Why Does the Earth Have Seasons?](#)



#### Elaborate:

Students will generalize that the motion of the sun is creating these patterns with daytime, nighttime, and seasons.

- [Why Do We Have Seasons](#) BetterLessons.com
- [Predictable Patterns of the Sun and the Seasons](#) BetterLesson.com
- DE Video Segment [What Causes Day and Night](#)
- DE STEM in Action: [Climate Changes](#)

#### Evaluate:

DE Primary Assessment [Seasons of the Year](#)

#### Additional Resources

DE STEM Project 1: [Reason for the Seasons](#)

DE STEM Project 2: [What Season Is It?](#)

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### Big Idea: Patterns in the Night Sky

#### Engage:

- [Formative Assessment Probe](#): What Lights up the Moon  
This probe connects to understanding from the Unit on light. Before students can understand the phases of the moon they first master the idea that light is reflected and the moon gets its light from the sun.
- Watch [Time Lapse Lunar Cycle video](#): record students' questions and what they think they know on a KLEWS chart
- [Formative Assessment Probe](#): When is the Next Full Moon

#### Explore:

- DE Video Segment: [The Night Sky and Sunrise](#) Record their learning on KLEWS chart
- Begin charting moon phases for April and May... **DO NOT complete all at one time.**  
Recommended dates in order to see a full lunar cycle (April 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 26, May 2, 4) extra moons are on the recording sheet in order to predict the phase pattern.  
Students will add to their personal recording sheet throughout the following weeks until end of school:
  - [Student moon phase recording sheet](#) for each student.
  - Use [Moon Phases calendar](#) on Smartboard or via projector.
  - Using a white crayon, students color the portion of the moon that matches the Moon phase calendar and record the date next to the moon.
  - Continue this process throughout the remaining weeks of school (not at one time)

#### Additional Resources:

[Website for teacher calendar](#) that shows moon phases by month

#### Vocabulary:

**Previous vocabulary:** moon, star, patterns, prediction, observe, observation

**New vocabulary:** phases, full moon, new moon, crescent moon, quarter moon

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**Explain** (select multiple resources from the options below to further explain)

- [EPIC book: The Moon](#)
- [Look at the Moon Read Aloud PDF](#) [PPT](#) [Teacher Guide](#)
- [Phases of the moon poster set](#)
- [Moon phases flash-cards/flip-book cards](#)
- [Phases of the Moon Flip-book Lesson](#)
- Teacher created model : foam balls, foam board, flashlight ([example photo](#)) Use flashlight to represent the sun. Student represents Earth. Have them turn the board while flashlight is shining on the moon to represent the portion of the moon that we see from Earth.
- See additional resources on the right



### Elaborate:

Students could create their own model of moon phases by a two dimensional drawing or a three dimensional model

Examples: [Moon Phases Demonstration](#)-NASA Education [3-D Moon Phase Projects for Kids](#)

### Evaluate:

[Formative Assessment Probes](#): What Lights up the Moon; When is the Next Full Moon

(Continue to have students chart on their Student moon phase recording sheet)

### Additional Resources

[Epic Video](#): The Sun, The Moon, and The Stars,

[Epic Book](#):

The Moon Exploring Space

[The Next Time you See the Moon](#): NSTA Kids

[So That's How the Moon Changes Shape](#)  
(Rookie Reader) by Allan Fowler

[Moon Phases Demonstration](#) - NASA Education

Lessons from Betterlesson.com:

[The Man in the Moon](#)

[Planning and Conducting a Moon Investigation](#)

[The Moon: Facts and Figures](#)

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#### Additional literature:

[The Big Dipper](#) by Franklyn M. Branley

#### Additional Lessons:

[Star Light, Star Bright Patterns](#)  
[Observing Stars - a fiction connection](#)

DE Unit: [Objects in the Sky](#)

#### Vocabulary:

Constellation

### Engage:

[National Geographic Explore Science: Size of Stars](#) demonstration lesson

Lesson includes:

- Stars in the Sky slideshow [PPT](#) [PDF](#)
- Starry Sky read-aloud [PPT](#) [PDF](#)

### Explore/Explain

- [Night Sky Comes Alive](#) time lapse video
- DE Exploration: [Constellations](#)
- DE video segment: [Constellation](#)
- DE video segment: [Stars and Seasons](#)
- DE board builder: [All About Stars](#)

### Elaborate:

DE Hands-on Activity: [Star Patterns](#)

### Evaluate:

- Complete Student moon phase chart by predicting the moon phases for the last three remaining moons
- Unit Assessment [Student Assessment](#) [Teacher Key](#)

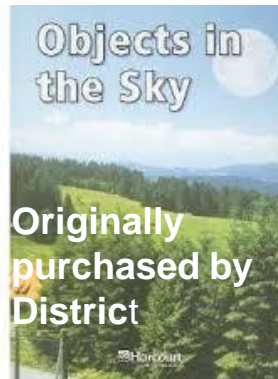
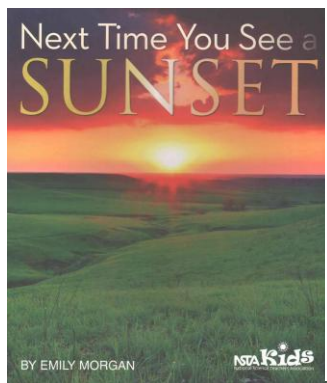
# Additional Resources:

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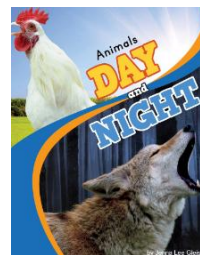
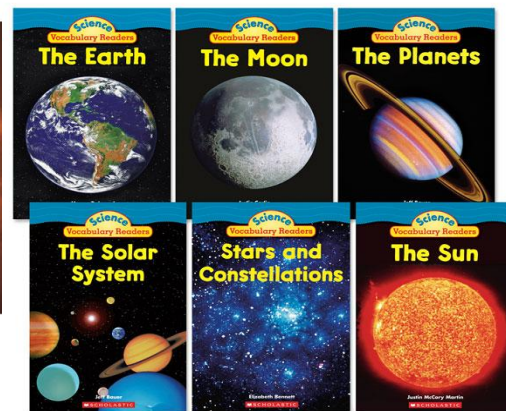
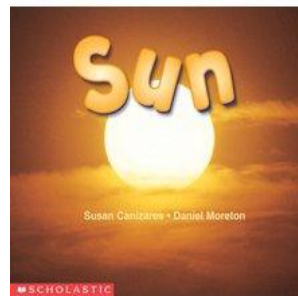


Background knowledge for teachers:

<http://earthsky.org/space/when-can-you-see-a-daytime-moon>



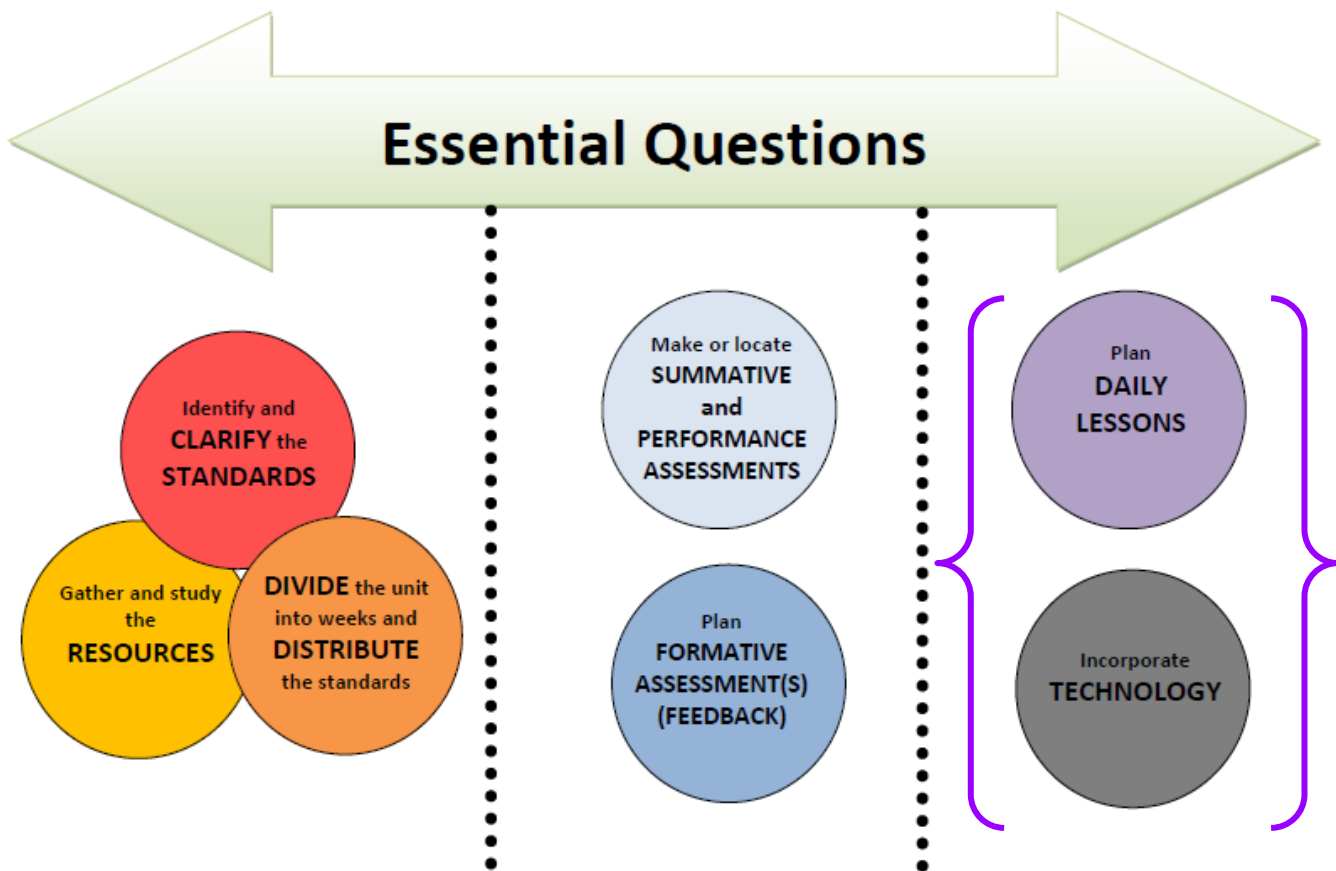
Part of Harcourt Leveled Science Readers  
with former adoption materials



Extend: How does day and night affect animals?

EPIC! Book: Animals Day and Night by Jenna Lee Gleisner.

## Backward Unit Planning 1.0



Now you're  
ready to  
plan your  
daily  
lessons!