Grade: 5 Subject: Science	Unit 2: Living Systems
Big Idea/Rationale:	• The Living System Unit consists of three sequential investigations, each designed to introduce students to transport systems in multicellular organisms.
Enduring Understanding (Mastery Objective):	 Learn that the basic unit of life is the cell. Learn that all cells have basic needs—water, food, gas exchange, and waste disposal. Learn how materials are transported to cells in multicellular organisms. Learn the structure and functions of the circulatory, respiratory, digestive and excretory systems in humans. Learn that vascular plants have specialized tissue (xylem and phloem tubes) for the transport of water, minerals and sugar to cells. Discover that leaves play an important role in the transport of water to cells in vascular plants. Learn that green plant cells make sugar from carbon dioxide and water in the presence of sunlight and release oxygen. Learn that plant and animal cells obtain energy by breaking down sugar into carbon dioxide and water (cellular respiration). Classify leaves based on venation pattern. Design, conduct and analyze the results of experiments. Write scientific reports. Use metric tools and make and record quantitative observations in a scientific investigation.
Essential Questions (Instructional Objectives):	 How are plants, animal and human life systems similar and different? How will knowledge of the basic needs of living things enhance the quality of human lives? How can we use scientific processes to conduct investigations and build explanations?
Content (Subject Matter & Lesson Objectives):	 Investigation 1 – Living Cells Students will use print and video resources to gather information about multiple human organ systems. Students will describe structure and function relationships in a variety of organs in a system Students will describe the sequence of events in complex relationships in human organ systems Students will observe and communicate the results of an experiment on digestion Students will identify the dependent and controlled variables in an experiment Investigation 2 – Vascular Plants

	• Students will classify objects (e.g., rocks, plants, leaves) in accordance with appropriate criteria
	• Students will plan and conduct an investigation to find out how water gets to the cells in a vascular plant
	• Students will use appropriate tools to measure mass and volume in an experiment
	 Students will use mathematics to analyze investigation results
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	Investigation 3 – Sugar and Cells
	 Students will observe and describe evidence of yeast's cellular respiration
	 Students will plan and conduct an investigation to found out how much
	sugar is in different breakfast cereals
	• Students will use appropriate tools to measure mass, volume, and
	temperature in an experiment
	• Students will use mathematics to analyze investigation results
	• Students will organize and communicate results of an experiment using
	years as an indicator of sugar
	• Students will identify the dependent and controlled variables in an
	experiment
Skills/Benchmarks:	5.1.A: Science Practices, Understanding Scientific Explanations
(Standards)	• 5.1.8.A.1: Demonstrate understanding and use interrelationships among
	central scientific concepts to revise explanations and to consider
	alternative explanations
	• 5.1.8.A.2: Use mathematical, physical and computational tools to build conceptual-based models and to pose theories
	• 5.1.8.A.3: Use scientific principles and models to frame and synthesize
	scientific arguments and pose theories
	5.1.B: Science Practices, Generate Scientific Evidence Through Active
	Investigations
	• 5.1.8.B.1: Design investigations and use scientific instrumentation to
	collect, analyze and evaluate evidence as part of building and revising
	models and explanations
	• 5.1.8.B.2: Gather, evaluate and represent evidence using scientific tools,
	technologies and computational strategies
	• 5.1.8.B.3: Use qualitative and quantitative evidence to develop evidence-
	based arguments
	5.1.C: Science Practices, Reflect on Scientific Knowledge
	• 5.1.8.C.1: Monitor one's own thinking as understanding of scientific concepts is refined
	 5.1.8.C.2 Revise predictions or explanations on the basis of discovering
	new evidence, learning new information or using models
	 5.1.8.C.3 Generate new and productive questions to evaluate and refine
	core explanations

	 5.1.C: Science Practices, Participate Productively in Science 5.1.8.D.1: Engage in multiple forms of discussion in order to process, makes sense of and learn from others' ideas, observations and experiences. 5.1.8.D.2: Engage in productive scientific discussion practices during
	conversations with peers, both face to face and virtually in the context of scientific investigations and model building
	• 5.1.8.D.3: Demonstrate how to safely use tools, instruments and supplies 5.3.A: Life Science, Organization and Development
	• 5.3.4.A.3: Describe the interactions of systems involved in carrying out everyday life activities
	• 5.3.6.A.1: Model the is interdependence of the human body's major systems in regulating its internal environment
	• 5.3.6.A.2: Model and explain ways in which organelles work together to meet the cell's needs
	5.3.B: Life Science, Matter and Energy Transformations
	• 5.3.6.B.1: Describe the sources of the reactants of photosynthesis and trace the pathway to the products
	• 5.3.8.B.1: Relate the energy and nutritional needs of organisms in a variety of life stages and situations, including stages of development and periods of maintenance
Materials:	 FOSS Livings Systems Kit: ¹/₂, 1 liter containers, dice, graduated cylinders, hand lenses, marking pens, <i>The Heart</i> poster, <i>Leaf Venation</i> Posters, <i>Circulatory/Respiratory System</i> poster, <i>Foss Safety</i> poster, 5ml spoons, 50ml syringes, thermometers (Celsius), 12-dram vials, Vial holders, <i>Circulatory and Respiratory Systems</i> video, <i>Digestive and Excretory Systems</i> video, <i>Plant Structure, and Growth</i> video, Teacher Guide, Foss Teacher Preparation video, <i>Foss Resource Books: Living Systems</i>, balances, plastic cups, gram pieces, volume tubes, food coloring (red), sticky notes, yeast. Technology Cart, BrainPop, DiscoveryEducation, Human Body (Scholastic)
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