INTRODUCTION

Each FOSS investigation follows a similar design to provide multiple exposures to science concepts. The design includes these pedagogies.

• Active investigation, including outdoor experiences
• Writing in science notebooks to answer focus questions
• Reading in FOSS Science Resources
• Assessment to monitor progress and motivate student reflection on learning

In practice, these components are seamlessly integrated into a continuum designed to maximize every student’s opportunity to learn. An instructional sequence may move from one pedagogy to another and back again to ensure adequate coverage of a concept. The FOSS instructional design recognizes the important role of language in science learning. Throughout FOSS instruction, students engage in the practices of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for English Language Arts (ELA). This chapter shows how FOSS provides opportunities to develop and exercise these practices through science. The following pages, have a table that identifies these opportunities in the three FOSS modules for the third grade.
Guiding Principles

When integrating language-arts instruction with FOSS, keep in mind these guiding principles:

• FOSS investigations follow a clear and coherent conceptual flow and a consistent instructional design. Students develop science knowledge by building a framework of concepts and supporting ideas.

• Common Core State Standards for ELA are introduced, developed, and practiced in the context of learning science content and engaging in the science and engineering practices. Students read and comprehend complex science texts related to their prior experience and knowledge. They write informational/explanatory texts, arguments to support claims, and narratives about experience in science. They engage in collaborative discussions about science and learn new vocabulary and language structures in context.

• The decision to use additional science texts, writing tasks, oral discourse opportunities, and vocabulary development activities is based on how well they address the science as well as the ELA standards.

• Instruction is differentiated to meet the needs of all students; the linguistic accommodations that are made for English learners support comprehensible input and accelerate academic language development. Language objectives for English learners in science instruction include the application of strategies that support construction of meaning from academic discussions and complex text, participation in productive discourse, and the ability to express ideas in writing clearly and coherently according to task, purpose, and audience.

• Formative assessment tools are used routinely to measure progress toward science understanding, use of science and engineering practices, and meeting literacy and language development goals. Assessment is viewed as a way to make student thinking visible and to determine next steps for instruction for both science and literacy. Instruction includes opportunities for students to assess themselves and peers.

Adhering to these guiding principles optimizes instructional time and, most importantly, benefits student learning by providing authentic and relevant contexts for building content knowledge, applying meaning-making strategies, and developing language and literacy skills.

Third grade is an important year as students transition from learning to read to reading to learn. They are becoming independent readers and writers and focusing on building content knowledge. They read
increasingly complex texts, expand their vocabulary, and develop their communication skills and reasoning ability. Third graders are expected to use the science and engineering practices to demonstrate their understanding of the core ideas. To accomplish this, students learn to use language structures for sequencing, comparing and contrasting, sorting, determining cause-and-effect relationships, and identifying patterns.

**Instructional Flow**

In almost all investigations, the instructional flow is the same and provides these opportunities for effective integration of ELA standards.

- **When setting the context** for the lesson, students activate prior knowledge through class or small-group discussions where they ask and answer questions about information, offer appropriate elaboration and detail (SL 3), or recount an experience (SL 4).

- **During the active investigation**, students are expected to work with partners and in collaborative groups, and to engage in teacher-led discussions where they build on each other’s ideas and express their own clearly (SL 1).

- **In the data management** phase, students make observations, record, and organize data in their notebooks. The notebook provides a space for students to recall information from experience, take brief notes on sources, and sort evidence into provided categories (W 8) and to acquire and use general academic and domain-specific words and phrases (L 6).

- **The analysis** phase involves discussing data, constructing and writing explanations, and engaging in argumentation. Here, students are making meaning by writing explanatory texts (W 2), writing opinion pieces supporting a point of view with reasons (W 1), or conducting short research projects that build knowledge of a subject (W 8).

- **Reading** articles in **FOSS Science Resources** and other recommended readings provides a plethora of opportunities to address all the third-grade reading standards for informational text.

- **Lastly**, the **assessment** tools and next-step strategies for engaging students in high-level critical thinking support the development of the Common Core State Standards capacities of the literate individual: demonstrate independence, build strong content knowledge, comprehend as well as critique, and value evidence.

Again, we have provided you with some examples of how FOSS connects to the third-grade ELA standards; there are many more opportunities waiting to be created and explored by you and your students.
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Inv. 1, Part 1, Step 16; Inv. 1, Part 2, Step 13;  
Inv. 1, Part 3, Steps 10, 12;  
Inv. 2, Part 2, Step 15; Inv. 2, Part 4, Step 17;  
Inv. 3, Part 1, Step 14; Inv. 3, Part 2, Step 18;  
Inv. 3, Part 3, Step 14; Inv. 4, Part 1, Step 16;  
Inv. 4, Part 2, Step 18; Inv. 4 Part 3, Step 13 |
| 2. Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea. | Discuss and review articles in FOSS Science Resources  
Inv. 1, Part 1, Step 15; Inv. 1, Part 2, Step 12;  
Inv. 3, Part 3, Steps 13-14; Inv. 4, Part 3, Step 13 |
| 3. Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect. | Discuss articles in FOSS Science Resources  
Inv. 1, Part 1, Step 16  
Inv. 2, Part 2, Step 14  
Inv. 3, Part 3, Step 14  
Inv. 4, Part 1, Step 15; Inv. 4, Part 2, Step 17 |
| 4. Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 3 topic or subject area. | All investigations provide opportunities for students to determine the meaning of academic and science-specific words while reading articles in FOSS Science Resources.  
Selected examples  
Inv. 1, Part 1, Step 15; Inv. 4, Part 1, Step 15;  
Inv. 4, Part 2, Step 17 |
| 5. Use text features and search tools (e.g., key words, sidebars, hyperlinks) to locate information relevant to a given topic efficiently. | Read articles in FOSS Science Resources  
Inv. 1, Part 1, Steps 15-16;  
Inv. 2, Part 2, Steps 14-15;  
Inv. 4, Part 2, Step 17 |
| 6. Distinguish their own point of view from that of the author of a text. | Read articles in FOSS Science Resources  
Inv. 1, Part 3, Step 9 |

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| 7. Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur). | All investigations provide opportunities for students to gain information from illustrations and words in the articles in FOSS Science Resources.  
Selected examples  
Inv. 1, Part 1, Step 15; Inv. 1, Part 2, Step 12;  
Inv. 1, Part 3, Step 9; Inv. 2, Part 2, Steps 14-15;  
Inv. 2, Part 4, Step 15;  
Inv. 4, Part 1, Step 15 |
| 8. Describe the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in a text (e.g., comparison, cause/effect, first/second/third in a sequence). | Read articles in FOSS Science Resources  
Inv. 4, Part 1, Step 15 |
| 9. Compare and contrast the most important points and key details presented in two texts on the same topic | Students can read their FOSS Science Resources as well as readings suggested on FOSSweb. Using these two texts, students integrate the information when speaking and writing about science content.  
Selected example  
Inv. 4, Part 3, Step 11 |
| 10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, at the high end of the grades 2–3 text complexity band independently and proficiently. | All investigations provide opportunities for students to develop their ability to read and comprehend complex informational science text such as FOSS Science Resources. |
## Reading Standards for Informational Text

### Structures of Life Module

All investigations provide opportunities for students to gain information from illustrations and words in the articles in *FOSS Science Resources*.

Selected examples
- Inv. 1, Part 4, Steps 19-20;
- Inv. 3, Part 2, Steps 12-13;
- Inv. 3, Part 4, Steps 16, 18;
- Inv. 4, Part 1, Step 30

Read articles in *FOSS Science Resources*
- Inv. 1, Part 2, Steps 23-24; Inv. 2, Part 2, Steps 19-20;
- Inv. 3, Part 4, Steps 18-21; Inv. 4, Part 2, Step 25

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Selected example
- Inv. 3, Part 4, Step 21

### Water and Climate Module

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Selected examples
- Inv. 1, Part 1, Steps 15-16; Inv. 1, Part 2, Step 19;
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| 3. Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.  
   - a. Identify and know the meaning of the most common prefixes and derivational suffixes.  
   - b. Decode words with common Latin suffixes.  
   - c. Decode multisyllable words.  
   - d. Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words. | All investigations provide opportunities for students to apply decoding skills while reading articles in FOSS Science Resources.  
Selected example  
Inv. 2, Part 2, Step 14 |
| 4. Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.  
   - a. Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.  
   - b. Read grade-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.  
   - c. Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary. | All investigations provide opportunities for students to practice reading with accuracy and fluency.  
Selected example  
Inv. 4, Part 2, Step 17 |
## Reading Standards: Foundational Skills

### Structures of Life Module

All investigations provide opportunities for students to apply decoding skills while reading articles in FOSS Science Resources.

Selected example
Inv. 3, Part 5, Step 18

### Water and Climate Module

All investigations provide opportunities for students to apply decoding skills while reading articles in FOSS Science Resources.

Selected examples
Inv. 1, Part 2, Step 19;
Inv. 5, Part 1, Step 14

### Reading Standards: Foundational Skills

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### Reading Standards: Foundational Skills

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Inv. 4, Part 3, Step 11;
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   a. Introduce the topic or text they are writing about, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure that lists reasons.  
   b. Provide reasons that support the opinion.  
   c. Use linking words and phrases (e.g., *because, therefore, since, for example*) to connect opinion and reasons.  
   d. Provide a concluding statement or section. | All investigations provide opportunities for students to write their opinion, or claim, supported by reasons. Students answer questions (focus question, response sheets, assessments) by stating their claim supported by evidence and reasoning.  
   Selected examples  
   Inv. 1, Part 2, Step 11;  
   Inv. 1, Part 3, Step 14;  
   Inv. 1, Part 3, Step 17;  
   Inv. 4, Part 3, Step 11 |
| 2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.  
   a. Introduce a topic and group related information together; include illustrations when useful to aiding comprehension.  
   b. Develop the topic with facts, definitions, and details.  
   c. Use linking words and phrases (e.g., *also, another, and, more, but*) to connect ideas within categories of information.  
   d. Provide a concluding statement or section. | All investigations provide opportunities for students to write explanatory texts to examine the science topic they are learning. In every part, students write an explanation as part of their answer to the focus question or the response sheet and in the WRAP-UP Review focus questions section, students write a summary paragraph.  
   Selected examples  
   Inv. 1, Part 2, Step 11;  
   Inv. 1, Part 3, Step 14;  
   Inv. 1, Part 3, Step 16 |
| 3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.  
   a. Establish a situation and introduce a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.  
   b. Use dialogue and descriptions of actions, thoughts, and feelings to develop experiences and events or show the response of characters to situations.  
   c. Use temporal words and phrases to signal event order.  
   d. Provide a sense of closure. | All investigations provide opportunities for students to write narratives. Students describe their observations and experiences with the science ideas they are exploring.  
   Selected examples  
   Inv. 1, Part 2, Step 10; Inv. 1, Part 3, Step 16;  
   Inv. 3, Part 3, Step 13;  
   Language Extensions:  
   Inv. 1, Language Extension. Brainstorm a list  
   Inv. 2, Language Extension. Write poems about rolling  
   Inv. 3, Language Extension. Write about racing |
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- **Structures of Life Module**
  - Inv. 1, Part 2, Step 20; Inv. 1, Part 3, Step 17; Inv. 1, Part 4, Step 18; Inv. 1, Part 4, Step 22; Inv. 3, Part 1, Step 24
  - Inv. 2, Language Extension. Write a book on germination
  - Inv. 4, Language Extension. Make a bone-facts class book

- **Water and Climate Module**
  - Inv. 1, Part 2, Step 15;
  - Inv. 1, Part 2, Step 22;
  - Inv. 1, Part 4, Step 17;
  - Inv. 2, Part 4, Step 19;
  - Inv. 3, Part 3, Step 13

All investigations provide opportunities for students to write narratives. Students describe their observations and experiences with the science ideas they are exploring.

- **Structures of Life Module**
  - Inv. 1, Part 2, Step 18, Inv. 1, Part 3, Step 17; Inv. 1, Part 2, Step 25; Inv. 1, Part 4, Step 18; Inv. 3, Language Extension. Create and tell crayfish territorial stories

- **Water and Climate Module**
  - Inv. 1, Part 1, Step 13; Inv. 1, Part 3, Step 6;
  - Inv. 2, Language Extension. Describe icy worlds
  - Inv. 4, Language Extension. Describe your local climate

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<td>5. With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.</td>
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<td>6. With guidance and support from adults, use technology to produce and publish writing (using keyboarding skills) as well as to interact and collaborate with others.</td>
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| 7. Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic. | Science and Engineering Extensions:  
Inv. 1, Conduct more force investigations  
Inv. 4, Demonstrate conservation of matter  
Inv. 4, Separate a mixture |
| 8. Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories. | All investigations provide students with the opportunity to write about their science experiences and record their observations in their science notebooks.  
Students also take notes and organize information when reading articles in *FOSS Science Resources*.  
Selected examples  
Inv. 1, Part 2, Step 12; Inv. 1, Part 3, Step 16;  
Inv. 2, Part 4, Step 16 |
| 10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. | All investigations provide opportunities for students to record their observations, inferences, and experiences in their science notebooks.  
Students also demonstrate their understanding of science concepts and practices when answering questions on the response sheets and I-Checks.  
Selected examples  
Inv. 1, Part 1, Steps 8, 10; Inv. 1, Part 2, Step 10;  
Inv. 1, Part 3, Step 17 |
### Writing Standards

#### Structures of Life Module

- Write about articles in *FOSS Science Resources*
  - Inv. 3, Part 1, Step 24

- Language Extensions:
  - Inv. 4, Research other skeletons
  - Inv. 4, Research artificial joints and limbs
  - Inv. 4, Research muscles in space

- Science Extension:
  - Inv. 4, Research articulated machines

- Social Studies Extension:
  - Inv. 2, Research staple crops around the world

**Note:**
All investigations provide students with the opportunity to write about their science experiences and record their observations in their science notebooks. Students also take notes and organize information when reading articles in *FOSS Science Resources*.

**Selected examples**
- Inv. 1, Part 1, Step 9; Inv. 1, Part 3, Steps 16-17
- Inv. 1, Part 4, Step 18; Inv. 3, Part 1, Step 22

#### Water and Climate Module

- Write about articles in *FOSS Science Resources*
  - Inv. 5, Part 1, Step 13

- Language Extensions:
  - Inv. 1, Look for waterproof materials
  - Inv. 3, Research recycling water
  - Inv. 5, Investigate local water

- Social Studies Extensions:
  - Inv. 2, Research ice in warm climates
  - Inv. 2, Research ice in cold climates
  - Inv. 3, Research water storage and delivery systems

- Science Extensions:
  - Inv. 4, Search for severe weather
  - Inv. 4, Review the USDA plant hardiness zone map

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**Selected examples**
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   c. Use abstract nouns (e.g., *childhood*).  
   d. Form and use regular and irregular verbs.  
   e. Form and use the simple (e.g., *I walked, I walk, I will walk*) verb tenses.  
   f. Ensure subject-verb and pronoun-antecedent agreement.  
   g. Form and use comparative and superlative adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified.  
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   i. Produce simple, compound, and complex sentences. | All investigations provide opportunities for students to apply the conventions of English grammar when writing and speaking.  
Selected example  
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   a. Capitalize appropriate words in titles.  
   b. Use commas in addresses.  
   c. Use commas and quotation marks in dialogue.  
   d. Form and use possessives.  
   e. Use conventional spelling for high-frequency and other studied words and for adding suffixes to base words (e.g., *sitting, smiled, cries, happiness*).  
   f. Use spelling patterns and generalizations (e.g., word families, position-based spellings, syllable patterns, ending rules, meaningful word parts) in writing words.  
   g. Consult reference materials, including beginning dictionaries, as needed to check and correct spellings. | All investigations provide opportunities for students to demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing in their science notebooks, response sheets, and the I-Checks. |
| 3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.  
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