

Materials List

5th Grade

Week 1	 Items to measure (string, desk, door, whiteboard, popsicle stick, teacher's desk, playground equipment, etc.) Metric rulers Metersticks Jar 10 objects to measure 	 Beakers Graduated cylinders Digital scales or analog balances Thermometers Classroom objects to measure (optional)
Week 2	 Magnifying glasses Meterstick, yardstick, or measuring tape Red (5), blue (3), white (2), black (1), and other colors (480) of building bricks (15 bricks per student tower; increase the number if the tower is bigger) 	 Graph paper Metersticks or yardsticks Paper Pennies or washers Colored pencils, markers, and/or crayons
Week 3	 Research materials (online resources, library books, etc.) Materials to build arches (paper towel rolls, toilet paper rolls, pipe cleaners, thin cardboard, popsicle sticks, clay, plastic beads, other recycled materials, etc.) 	 Planner Rulers (optional) Graph paper (optional) Empty desks or tables Stopwatches or timers Highlighters
Week 4	 Bottles of glue Craft sticks, cotton swabs, or other applicators Paper Balloons (ideally light-colored) Scales Flashlights Plastic syringes Ping-pong balls Balls of clay or pieces of chocolate Magnifying glasses Plastic knives Bottle of air freshener Clear container Warm water Food coloring Borax solution Plastic spoons Disposable cups Cardstock, cardboard, or construction paper as foundation for mosaics 	 Containers full of small pieces that students can use to create their mosaics The Borax solution should be pre-mixed: 1½ generous spoonfuls of Borax per 90 mL of water. Borax is a name-brand cleaning chemical usually found with laundry detergents in the store. One box should last many years since very little of it is used for this lab. Mosaics can be made of anything. They do not necessarily need to be made of the same materials. For example, students may wish to mix beads and stones. There are usually containers of miscellaneous small pieces at thrift stores. You could also have students bring objects from home. Some examples of mosaic materials include: buttons, beads, tiles, shells, stones, paint sample cards, etc.

Week 5	Yarn or stringScissorsStandard ruler	MetersticksRed pensFour signs
Week 6	 Balance scale Plastic spoons Plastic cups Water Sugar Bags of building blocks 	 Plastic bags Ice cubes Digital scales Effervescent antacid tablets Balloon
Week 7	 Prism Filter paper or coffee filters Water-based markers Pipettes Small containers Water Pencils Metal objects like nails or scissors Safety gloves (optional) Softer sedimentary rocks, like limestone Chalk Nickel coins Harder igneous rocks, like obsidian or granite Clay Mirror or piece of jewelry Aluminum foil Wax paper Plastic wrap 	 Construction paper Cardboard boxes (unused pizza boxes, crackers boxes, cereal boxes, etc.) Rulers Utility knives Liquid glue Shipping or electrical tape Black paper Wooden skewers or pencils Items to cook or heat up (s'mores, nachos, grilled cheese, crayons, etc.) Magnets Keys, scissors, seashells, pencils, nickels, marbles, paper clips, and/or other magnetic and nonmagnetic materials Parchment paper
Week 8	 Batteries Wire Tape (electrical) Wire strippers Lamp holder Lamp Popsicle stick Paper clip Salt (¼ cup) Distilled water (1 gallon) Other classroom materials to test (optional) Water Metal bowl Plastic bowl Ceramic bowl Hot plate Metal spoon Plastic spoon Plastic spoon Wood spoon Butter (3 Tbsp) 	 Cups Epsom salt (2 cups) Table salt (2 cups) Sugar (2 cups) Baking soda (4 cups) Teaspoons Flour (2 cups) Cornstarch (2 cups) Powdered sugar (2 cups) Baby powder (2 cups) Small containers Small dropper bottles Vinegar Iodine solution Toothpicks Wax paper Aluminum foil Tweezers or tongs Small candle Matches Mini bulb LED bulb
Week 9	Cornstarch (2 boxes)	Gloves

	 Water Glue Liquid dish soap Borax Food coloring Tarp or other covering Aprons or old T-shirts 	 Measuring cups Measuring spoons Plastic cups Plastic spoons Plastic containers with airtight lids Meterstick 	
Week 10	 Yarn or string Colored pencils, markers, and/or crayons Skulls or sets of teeth of various animals 	 Posters, crafting and decorating materials (craft sticks) Paper (optional) 	
Week 11	 Tray (optional) Peach and/or apple slices (optional) Toothpicks (optional) Chart paper (optional) Plant with large leave Aluminum foil 	 Highlighters Pipe cleaners or pieces of yarn or string Colored beads (green, blue, orange, yellow, pink, white, and/or other colors) 	
Week 12	Colored pencils or crayons		
Week 13	 Research materials (online resources, library books, etc.) 	List of invasive species for students to choose from	
Week 14	 Paper Chart paper (optional) Red colored pencils or marker Four signs Ping-pong balls, golf balls, or cut-out paper circles Flashlight Shoeboxes or other small boxes 	 Diorama supplies: paint, glue, paper, colored pencils, markers, crayons, scissors, magazines, clay, pipe cleaners, craft sticks, string, tape, natural objects like rocks and sand, other crafting materials Index cards 	
Week 15	 Globe or picture of the Earth Cups Sand (32 cups) Water bottles Water Vinegar (8 cups) Distilled water (8 cups) 	 Medium-sized eggshell pieces Small green leaves Paper clips Small- or medium-sized glass jars Masking tape Pens 	
Week 16	 Chart paper (optional) Large sheets of white construction paper Cardstock Crayons, markers, or paint Tape 	 Glue (optional) Crafting materials to make trees, flowers, craft sticks, etc. Toothpicks Modeling clay 	
Week 17	PaperResearch materials (online resources, library	 Paper Research materials (online resources, library books, etc.) 	
Week 18	 Chart paper (optional) Research materials (books, online resources, etc.) 		

	Posters (optional)	
Week 19	 Chart paper Research materials (books, online resources, etc.) Suggested engineering project items: cardboard, PVC pipes, tape, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, cups, straws, paper clips, wooden dowels, cotton balls, plastic sheets, clothespins, wire, string, screen, fabric, springs 	 Large containers (8, capable of holding more than four liters of water) Gravel (8 cups) Water
Week 20	 Table salt Food-grade sea salt (same size, texture, and color as the table salt) "Polluted" Water: 1 cup water, 1 spoonful of soil (a mixture of fine and gritty particles is best), 1 spoonful of oil, 1-3 drops of yellow and/or green food dye, if desired Filter Materials: large funnels; small funnels; empty cups; craft sticks; coffee filters; mesh strainers with small holes; mesh strainers with large holes; cheesecloth (or similar); wax paper; balloons; small river rocks or gravel (enough to fill the empty cup halfway); masking tape; 1/8 inch-thick dowels, 15 cm long 	 Small objects to test density (beads, buttons, etc.) Tweezers Cups/containers Wax paper Trays Various salts: Sodium chloride: table salt, Magnesium chloride: a dietary supplement that comes in the form of tablets (you can use ice melt), Calcium chloride: an additive used in pickling (you can use ice melt), Potassium chloride: the main ingredient in salt substitutes and "no-salt" products (you can use water softener salt)
Week 21	 Bucket or aquarium filled with five gallons (about 19 liters) of water Blue food coloring (optional) Large container Dropper Watch glass or petri dish Clear cups Sand and/or gravel Water Markers 	 Pipettes Red food coloring Large bowls Water Grass (4 cups) Dirt (4 cups) Small bowls Plastic wrap Rubber bands Coins or washers
Week 22	 Chart paper (optional) Vegetable oil Cocoa powder Blue food coloring (optional) Plastic spoons Plastic cups Dish soap 	 Sponges Jumbo cotton balls Clear containers Paper or plastic bowls or beakers Bird feathers Large, old shirts Tarps or plastic tablecloths

Week 23	 Map or graph of the watershed the students live in Assortment of empty containers of various sizes, preferably with lids Large, light-colored plastic tablecloths or garbage bags Large container for collection of landfill items 	 Large tarp Water Spray bottle Food coloring Blue butcher paper (3 ft.)
Week 24	Chart paper (optional)	5 (1)
Week 25	 Items to demonstrate gravity, such as a ball, book, pen, etc. Book Pen 	Paper clipCrumpled paper ballStopwatch
Week 26	 Red colored pencils Blue colored pencils Embroidery hoops Support for the edges of the hoops (books work well) Plastic wrap Small marbles 	 Two-inch styrofoam balls Clay Crackers Pennies or washers Eyedroppers Water
Week 27	 Computers or books Recyclable materials that can be used to make parachutes, such as plastic bags, coffee filters, tissue paper, yarn or string, rubber bands, empty soda bottles, tissues, tape, straws, paper, etc. 	 Toy cars Materials that students can use to improve their parachute designs
Week 28	Small sticky notesSolar glassesFlashlights	
Week 29	 Books Pencils Large sheets of white paper Colored pencils Graph paper Sticks or pencils 	 Metersticks or yardsticks Miniature flashlights Poster paper Air-dry clay Paint (optional)
Week 30	Toy top or fidget spinnerTwo-inch styrofoam ballsString	PencilsTape
Week 31	 1-2 tarps Dishpan tubs or aluminum pans Flour (8 five-lb. bags) Cocoa powder (8 Tbsp) Marbles Ping-pong balls 	 Golf balls Markers Lamp without a lampshade Sharpened pencils Styrofoam balls

Week 32

- Pencils or pens
- Flashlights
- Foam balls (with three rings drawn on them)
- Sheets of blank label stickers