



Getting Ready for a New School Year with Science Checklist 2023-2024

Prior to the First Day of School

- Find your science curriculum that you will be using this upcoming school year.
- Go to any hands-on investigation and look for something that uses readily available materials. Don't worry about repeating the activity later in the year. The goals will be different, as will the instruction around the activity.

Immediately, First Day of School

- Prep an activity for pairs of students to complete on the first day of school, after you've briefly reviewed general classroom expectations.
- Use the activity to discuss what the rules should look like in your classroom environment. Stick to the observed "good points" while planning how to address and extinguish less desirable behavior.
- Consider using a science activity for parents to do with their children on Back to School Night.

30 Days Into the Year

- Review your standards to see where there are opportunities to include more science lessons. Below are several examples of where additional science investigations should be planned throughout the year. Science activities offer high engagement when the typical schedule is disrupted. Get ahead of planned schedule disruptions by increasing student hands-on investigations. Write the date next to each of these scheduled events.

- * Open House on _____ date
- * Rainy Day Activity on _____ date
- * Parent Conference Week on _____ date
- * Red Ribbon Week on _____ date
- * Halloween Centers on _____ date
- * Field Trip Days on _____ date
- * Assembly Days on _____ date

End of the Year, Planning for Summer

- If you are teaching for a summer session, include science as a daily hands-on activity.
- Inventory your science consumables and submit a request, to your school site, for more materials.
- Plan your First Day of School Science Activity for the next year. Now that you've had a year of science instruction under your belt, you might change how you begin the next year.

If your school site needs support getting science implemented, email us at itstimeforscience@schoolspecialty.com for more information.



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