Gr. 1 – Understanding Matter & Energy

Energy in Our Lives

Button Spinner

Specific Expectations:						
2.1 Follow established safety procedures during science and technology investigations.						
2.3 Design and construct a device that uses energy to perform a task.						
2.7 Use appropriate science and technology vocabulary, including explore, investigate, design, energy, and survival, in oral and written communication.						
3.1 Demonstrate an understanding that energy is	s what makes the things they do or see happen.					
3.3 Identify food as a source of energy for thems	elves and other living things.					
Big Idea (for lesson):						
Students will build and observe the motion of a k	outton spinner. Students will describe the types					
of motion they see, and identify how it is affected by external forces.						
Accommodations:	Differentiated Instruction:					
☐ Increase time	Content: Use demo to show the content as					
∇isual Aids	you offer verbal descriptions.					
Manipulatives	Process: Have students work in pairs and					
Chunking	support each other if physical impediments					
Step-by-Step	exist.					
Scaffolding	Product: Students may show their final					
Copy of Notes	product in pairs, and communicate their					
Student Grouping	findings either verbally, visually, or through					
Z	written means.					
	Other:					
Bloom's Taxonomy:	Multiple Intelligence:					
Knowledge	∇erbal/Linguistic					
Comprehension	Logical/Mathematical					
Application	Visual/Spatial					
Analysis	Bodily/Kinesthetic					
Synthesis	Naturalist					
Evaluation	Musical/Rhythmic					
	☐ Interpersonal					
	☐ Intrapersonal					
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Delivering The Lesson:

Portion & Timing	Gı	roupir	ng:	Introduction:	Materials
Minds On:	W	S	I	Teacher starts off by asking students to take 10	White
10 mins	\boxtimes			minutes and draw a picture that shows all of the	sheets of

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				following sentences:	paper with
				1. There is a house in the middle of the box.	a large
				2. There is a tree to the left of the house.	_
					square in its
				3. There are three flowers to the right of the	centre.
				house.	
				4. There are two clouds above the house.	
				5. The front of the house has a door between	
				two windows.	
				6. There is a road in front of the house.	
				7. There is a car on the road.	
				The teacher can ask them how they knew where	
				to draw things, and what instructions were	
				confusing for them.	
				-Ask students why does position matter when	
				we are talking about movement? (Answer: it	
				tells us where we are starting, and gives us an	
				idea of how long it will take to get from point A	
				to point B, and how fast you should go.)	
Action:	١٨/	S	ı		Dutton
	W	S		Have students build their own button spinners	Button
15 mins				according to the instructions on the handout.	Spinners
				Teacher can circulate and ask questions of the	Handout
				different groups:	(Materials
				-Watch the button; where does it get its energy	listed)
				from when you spin it? (Answer: the energy	
				comes from the potential energy you put in it	
				when winding it up.)	
				-Do you think the spinner would work well with	
				other shapes, like squares, triangles or stars?	
				Why or why not? Try cutting them out and	
				replacing the button with them.	
				-Why does the spinner start to go slower over	
				time? (Answer: if you listen, the spinner likely	
				makes some noise and the strings probably feel	
				a little warm. Some of the potential and kinetic	
				energy is being lost to heat and sound.)	
Consolidate:	W	S	I	Show the students a hand-crank flashlight, and	Hand-crank
10 mins		\boxtimes		ask them if anyone can explain how it generates	flashlight
	<u>_</u>			energy?	_
				(Answer: A little electric generator is activated	
				by the cranking motion, and this electricity can	
				power the lightbulb. A small rechargeable	
				battery stores this energy temporarily so you	
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don't have to keep turning it.)	
What type of energy do we put into it?/ What is	
the energy of motion called? (Answer: kinetic	
energy, which comes from us applying a force)	
What type of energy do we get out at the end?	
(Answer: electrical, then light!).	
Can the students think of anything else in their	
lives that stores energy? (Answer: Solar-	
powered vehicles/lights, batteries, etc.)	