Gr. 2 - Understanding Structures and Mechanisms

Movement

Inertia Zoom Ball

Specific Expectations:	
2.2 Investigate and describe different kinds of me	ovement
2.4 Use technological problem-solving skills and	
investigation, to design, build, and test a mechan	ism that includes on or more simple machines.
2.5 Use appropriate science and technology voca	bulary, including push, pull, beside, above,
wheel, axle, and inclined plane, in oral and writte	n communication.
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3.1 Describe different ways in which objects mov	re.
3.2 Identify ways in which the position of an obje	ect can be changed.
Big Idea (for lesson):	
Students explore a law of motion (Inertia; Newto	on's First Law) by building and playing with an
Inertia Zoom Ball.	
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Accommodations:	
Increase time	Content: Use demo to show the content as
Visual 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: Have students verbalize their
Copy of Notes	understanding or write in a journal.
Student Grouping	Other:
Bloom's Taxonomy:	Multiple Intelligence:
Knowledge	✓ Verbal/Linguistic
Comprehension	□ Logical/Mathematical
Application	∀ Visual/Spatial
Analysis	⊠ Bodily/Kinesthetic
Synthesis	Naturalist ■ Naturalist Naturalist ■ Naturalist Naturalist
Evaluation	Musical/Rhythmic
	Interpersonal
	Intrapersonal
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Delivering The Lesson:

Portion & Timing	Grouping:		ng:	Introduction:	Materials:
Minds On: 5 mins	W	S		To introduce the idea of people using energy, the teacher could perform the following hook: -Take a silky piece of material (with no hem) large	-Silk cloth -Objects with some

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				enough to cover a small table, and have some	weight to
				objects put on them (dishes are classic).	them
				-Simple tell the class that you are going to be	(dishes,
				exploring a property of motion called Inertia that	books,
				day, and you're going to show them an example.	etc.)
				-Gather the cloth in your hands and pull straight	ctc.,
				out. The objects shouldn't be rattled much, if at	
				all.	
				Teachers should now explain what happened in	
				this demonstration:	
				-It's a law of motion that something will stay put	
				unless a force is put on it.	
				-How did I move the cloth? (Answer: I used the	
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				energy in my arms to pull the cloth out very	
				quickly)	
				-Why didn't the objects on the table move?	
				(Answer: There is little friction due to the	
A -11	147			material, and thus no force to move the dishes.)	La catta
Action:	W	S		Have students follow the instructions on the	Inertia
25 mins			Ш	handout to build an Inertia Zoom Ball in pairs.	Zoom Ball
				As the students build and test their Inertia Zoom	– Handout
				Ball, ask them some questions:	(Materials
				-How do you send the ball to the other player?	listed)
				(Answer: by jerking the strings apart and sending	
				energy from me to the ball).	
				-Why does the ball sometimes slow down?	
				(Answer: the string and the ball rub, which means	
				frictions slows it down.)	
				-Feel the cord, and listen as you play. What do	
				you notice? (Answer: The cord feels warm	
				because of the rubbing, and you can hear the	
				movement of the ball. The movement energy is	
				being transferred to sound and heat energy,	
				slowing it down a bit.)	
				-How is this activity similar to the one done at the	
				start of the class? (Answer: This activity	
				demonstrates Newton's First Law of Motion:	
				without a force like a push or a pull, an object	
				won't move. If an object is moving, it won't stop	
				moving in a straight line unless forced to change	
				by another push or pull.)	
				Have students work on the handout, which	
				outlines visual everyday examples of inertia at	

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			work.	
Consolidate: 10 mins	W	S	Show the Inertia Beads video. Remind students that inertia keeps things that are at rest not moving. Ask them what is happening in this video? (Answer: Inertia also keeps things moving that are already moving, like the beads in the video).	-Large beaker -Long strand of beads
			Show the demo in person, if desired.	-Cup -Coin
			Another option is to mimic the tablecloth hook at the start of the lesson with something that students can try: -Give students a cup, card, and coin. Have them place the card over the mouth of the cup, and put the coin on the middle of the cup. If the paper is pulled quickly and straight out, the coin will fall straight down into the cup.	-Card