

CreositySpace – Conscientious Chemists Activity Descriptions and Standards Alignment

General Activity Descriptions:

Below you will find brief descriptions of the hands-on science activities associated with the *Conscientious Chemists Technology Entrepreneurship Curriculum* module.

Note – The activities described below can be completed with common classroom or household items.

Activity 1 – Green Chemistry Bingo

Objective:

To help students learn about the principals of green chemistry.

Materials:

Bingo cards (see appendix), principles of green chemistry scenarios (see appendix), bingo chips

Detailed Description:

Students will work in teams of 2 – 3 to play a group game of green chemistry bingo. Provided in the appendix is a set of Green Chemistry Bingo cards with the 12 principles of green chemistry.

Activity 2 – Flower Power

Objective:

To demonstrate to the students how chemicals in the ground water can be absorbed and detrimental to plant life to discuss how this could also apply to all living creatures.

Materials:

Cut flowers, small jars, common chemicals (e.g., salt, sugar, various soaps, vinegar, food coloring, etc.), Student My STEM Explorer Notes™ notebooks or printouts of the experiment data recording sheets.

Detailed Description:

Take a set of cut flowers and mix their water with a variety of different common chemicals. Make sure you keep one or two that are in tap water only – these are your **controls**. Have the students track which chemicals and how much of each you use.

Activity 3 – Waste Not, Want Not

Objective:

As important as what you do, is how you do it. Sometimes the exact same thing can be done in such a way to use less material and generate less waste.

Materials:

Templates, colored paper, scissors, and glue/tape

Detailed Description:

In this activity students are given a series of shapes needed to build a small house and three sheets of colored paper. They must cut those shapes out of colored paper in such a way to waste as little of the paper as possible. When they are done, they must use the remaining paper to build a paper chain, with the goal of making the longest chain.

Education Standards

Don't see the standards for your school district? Contact us at kath@creosityspace.com, and we will determine the appropriate standards alignment for your district.

Common Core ELA Standards

Grade 3

Reading Informational Text:

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.1](#) Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.2](#) Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.4](#) Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a *grade 3 topic or subject area*.

Writing:

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.1](#) Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.1.a](#) Introduce the topic or text they are writing about, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure that lists reasons.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.1.b](#) Provide reasons that support the opinion.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.1.c](#) Use linking words and phrases (e.g., *because, therefore, since, for example*) to connect opinion and reasons.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.1.d](#) Provide a concluding statement or section.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.2](#) Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.2.a](#) Introduce a topic and group related information together; include illustrations when useful to aiding comprehension.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.2.b](#) Develop the topic with facts, definitions, and details.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.2.c](#) Use linking words and phrases (e.g., *also, another, and, more, but*) to connect ideas within categories of information.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.2.d](#) Provide a concluding statement or section.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.4](#) With guidance and support from adults, produce writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task and purpose. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.5](#) With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.6](#) 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.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.7](#) Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.8](#) Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories.

Speaking & Listening:

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.3.1](#) Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on *grade 3 topics and texts*, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.3.1.A](#) Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.3.1.B](#) Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., gaining the floor in respectful ways, listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.3.1.c](#) Ask questions to check understanding of information presented, stay on topic, and link their comments to the remarks of others.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.3.1.d](#) Explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.3.3](#) Ask and answer questions about information from a speaker, offering appropriate elaboration and detail.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.3.4](#) Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking clearly at an understandable pace.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.3.6](#) Speak in complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation in order to provide requested detail or clarification.

Language:

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.1](#) Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.1.A](#) Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in general and their functions in particular sentences.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.2](#) Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.4](#) Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning word and phrases based on grade 3 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

Grade 4

Reading Informational Text:

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.4.1](#) Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.4.2](#) Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.4.4](#) Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words or phrases in a text relevant to a *grade 4 topic or subject area*.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.4.5](#) Describe the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text or part of a text.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.4.7](#) Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively (e.g., in charts, graphs, diagrams, time lines, animations, or interactive elements on Web pages) and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text in which it appears.

Writing:

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.4.1](#) Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.4.1.A](#) Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which related ideas are grouped to support the writer's purpose.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.4.1.B](#) Provide reasons that are supported by facts and details.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.4.1.C](#) Link opinion and reasons using words and phrases

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.4.1.D](#) Provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.4.2](#) Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.4.2.A](#) Introduce a topic clearly and group related information in paragraphs and sections; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.4.2.B](#) Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.4.2.C](#) Link ideas within categories of information using words and phrases.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.4.2.D](#) Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.4.2.E](#) Provide a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.4.4](#) Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.4.8](#) Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources.

Speaking & Listening:

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.4.1](#) Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on *grade 4 topics and texts*, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.4.1.A](#) Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.4.1.B](#) Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.4.1.C](#) Pose and respond to specific questions to clarify or follow up on information, and make comments that contribute to the discussion and link to the remarks of others.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.4.1.D](#) Review the key ideas expressed and explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.4.3](#) Identify the reasons and evidence a speaker provides to support particular points.

Language:

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.1](#) Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.1.A](#) Use relative pronouns (*who, whose, whom, which, that*) and relative adverbs (*where, when, why*).

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.2](#) Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.3](#) Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.3.A](#) Choose words and phrases to convey ideas precisely.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.4](#) Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 4 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

Grade 5

Reading Informational Text:

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.5.2](#) Determine two or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported by key details; summarize the text.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.5.3](#) Explain the relationships or interactions between two or more individuals, events, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text based on specific information in the text.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.5.4](#) Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a *grade 5 topic or subject area*.

Writing:

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.5.1](#) Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.5.1.A](#) Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which ideas are logically grouped to support the writer's purpose.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.5.1.B](#) Provide logically ordered reasons that are supported by facts and details.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.5.1.C](#) Link opinion and reasons using words, phrases, and clauses

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.5.1.D](#) Provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.5.2](#) Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.5.2.A](#) Introduce a topic clearly, provide a general observation and focus, and group related information logically; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.5.2.B](#) Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.5.2.C](#) Link ideas within and across categories of information using words, phrases, and clauses (e.g., *in contrast, especially*).

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.5.2.D](#) Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.5.2.E](#) Provide a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.5.4](#) Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.5.8](#) Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; summarize or paraphrase information in notes and finished work, and provide a list of sources.

Speaking & Listening:

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.5.1](#) Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on *grade 5 topics and texts*, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.5.1.A](#) Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.5.1.B](#) Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.5.1.C](#) Pose and respond to specific questions by making comments that contribute to the discussion and elaborate on the remarks of others.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.5.1.D](#) Review the key ideas expressed and draw conclusions in light of information and knowledge gained from the discussions.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.5.3](#) Summarize the points a speaker makes and explain how each claim is supported by reasons and evidence.

Language:

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.1](#) Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.1.A](#) Explain the function of conjunctions, prepositions, and interjections in general and their function in particular sentences.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.2](#) Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.3](#) Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.4](#) Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 5 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

Grade 3

MP.1 Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively.

3.OA.1-3 Represent and solve problems involving multiplication and division.

3.OA.7 Multiply and divide within 100.

3.OA.8 Solve two-step word problems using the four operations.

3.NBT.3 Use place value understanding and properties of operations to perform multi-digit arithmetic.

3.MD.2 Measure and estimate liquid volumes and masses of objects using standard units of grams (g), kilograms (kg), and liters (l).

3.MD.3 Draw a scaled picture graph and a scaled bar graph to represent a data set with several categories.

Grade 4

MP.1 Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively.

4.OA.1-3 Use the four operations with whole numbers to solve problems.

4.MD.1 Solve problems involving measurement and conversion of measurements from a larger unit to a smaller unit.

4.MD.2 Solve problems involving measurement and conversion of measurements from a larger unit to a smaller unit.

Grade 5

MP.1 Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively.

5.MD.1 Convert like measurement units within a given measurement system

Next Generation Science Standards/NY State Science Learning Standards 3–5

Performance Expectations

- 4-ESS3-1.** Obtain and combine information to describe that energy and fuels are derived from natural resources and their uses affect the environment
- 4-ESS3-2.** Generate and compare multiple solutions to reduce the impacts of natural Earth processes on humans
- 5-PS1-1.** Develop a model to describe that matter is made of particles too small to be seen
- 5-PS1-3.** Make observations and measurements to identify materials based on their properties.
- 5-ESS3-1.** Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth’s resources and environment.
- 3-5-ETS1-1.** Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.
- 3-5-ETS1-2.** Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.

Example NGSS “Big Idea” and Topic Bundle: How can we advance technology and innovation while still preserving our environment?

Science and Engineering Practices

Asking questions / defining problems;

Planning and carrying out investigations;

Analyzing and interpreting data

Reading comprehension and experiments have students asking questions, defining problems and working with their data.

Developing and using models; Constructing explanations/designing solutions

The activities provide model systems to help students understand larger scale effects.

Using math & computational thinking

Math questions, as well as the Flower Power and Waste Not, Want Not activities have students applying their arithmetic and geometry skills.

Engaging in argument from evidence, Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information

Summative challenges and reading comprehension questions challenge students to obtain, evaluate and communicate a variety of information.

Connections to Nature of Science

Disciplinary Core Ideas

ESS2.A Earth materials and systems

ESS3.A Natural resources

ESS3.B Natural hazards

ESS3.C Human impacts on Earth systems

ESS3.D Global climate change

Reading material, activities and videos reinforce the interconnectedness between humans and all aspects of their environment.

PS1.A Structure of matter

PS1.B Chemical reactions

PS2.B Types of interactions

PS3.D Energy in chemical processes and everyday life

The discussion of chemistry and chemical process touch on these DCIs

ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems

ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions

ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution

Science and technology-based writing prompts, challenge questions and group activities support the three phases of Engineering Design.

Cross Cutting Concepts

Cause and effect

The entire unit is focused on the effect of human development on the environment and the world we live in.

Systems and system models

Model systems and analogies are used throughout the unit to explain and reinforce key concepts.

Energy and matter: Flows, cycles, and conservation

Discussions of how energy is obtained and used are key concepts in this unit.

Connections to Nature of Science & Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science

Science is a human endeavor; Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology; Influence of Engineering, Technology and Science on Society and the Natural World

The field of green chemistry has come into existence to specifically address the impact science and technology is having on society and the natural world. Both jobs associated with green chemistry and the need for the field in general highlight these connections.

Connections to Common Core State Standards

See previous Common Core Standards section for the ELA and Math standards addressed by these activities.

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills

General

Knowledge and skills.

(1) Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student conducts classroom and outdoor investigations following school and home safety procedures and environmentally appropriate practices. The student is expected to:

- (A) demonstrate safe practices as described in the Texas Safety Standards during classroom and outdoor investigations, including observing a schoolyard habitat; and
- (B) make informed choices in the use and conservation of natural resources by recycling or reusing materials such as paper, aluminum cans, and plastics.

(2) Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student uses scientific inquiry methods during laboratory and outdoor investigations. The student is expected to:

- (A) plan and implement descriptive investigations, including asking and answering questions, making inferences, and selecting and using equipment or technology needed, to solve a specific problem in the natural world;
- (B) collect data by observing
- (D) analyze and interpret patterns in data to construct reasonable explanations based on evidence from investigations;
- (F) communicate valid conclusions supported by data in writing, by drawing pictures, and through verbal discussion.

(3) Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student knows that information, critical thinking, scientific problem solving, and the contributions of scientists are used in making decisions. The student is expected to:

- (A) in all fields of science, analyze, evaluate, and critique scientific explanations by using empirical evidence, logical reasoning, and experimental and observational testing, including examining all sides of scientific evidence of those scientific explanations, so as to encourage critical thinking by the student;
- (D) connect grade-level appropriate science concepts with the history of science, science careers, and contributions of scientists.

Grade 3

(4) Scientific investigation and reasoning. The student knows how to use a variety of tools and methods to conduct science inquiry. The student is expected to:

- (A) collect, record, and analyze information using tools.

(7) Earth and space. The student knows that Earth consists of natural resources and its surface is constantly changing. The student is expected to:

- (D) explore the characteristics of natural resources that make them useful in products and materials such as clothing and furniture and how resources may be conserved.

Grade 4

(7) Earth and space. The students know that Earth consists of useful resources and its surface is constantly changing. The student is expected to:

- (C) identify and classify Earth's renewable resources, including air, plants, water, and animals; and nonrenewable resources, including coal, oil, and natural gas; and the importance of conservation.

Grade 5

(9) Organisms and environments. The student knows that there are relationships, systems, and cycles within environments. The student is expected to:

- (C) predict the effects of changes in ecosystems caused by living organisms, including humans, such as the overpopulation of grazers or the building of highways;