

MINNESOTA ACADEMIC STANDARDS KINDERGARTEN

SCIENCE

| Strand | Sub-Strand | Standard | Benchmarks |
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| Strand: I. HISTORY AND NATURE OF SCIENCE | Sub-Strand: B. Scientific Inquiry | Standard: The student will raise questions about the natural world. | Benchmarks: 1. The student will observe and describe common objects using simple tools. |
| Strand: III. EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE | Sub-Strand: B. The Water Cycle, Weather and Climate | Standard: The student will observe weather changes. | Benchmarks: 1. The student will describe daily and seasonal changes in weather. |
| Strand: IV. LIFE SCIENCE | Sub-Strand: B. Diversity of Organisms | Standard: The student will understand that there are living and nonliving things. | Benchmarks: 1. The student will compare and contrast living and nonliving things. 2. The student will know simple ways that living things can be grouped. |
| Strand: IV. LIFE SCIENCE | Sub-Strand: G. Human Organism | Standard: The student will understand that people have five senses that can be used to learn about the environment. | Benchmarks: 1. The student will observe and describe the environment using the five senses. |