Course: Language Arts/Science/SEL	Grade Level: 4th Grade
	Length of Unit: Until the end of the second trimester - Approximately 6 weeks

Unit Summary: Students are expected to develop an understanding that energy can be transferred from place to place by sound, light, heat, and electric currents or from object to object through collisions. They apply their understanding of energy to design, test, and refine a device that converts energy from one form to another. Students will use a variety of reading strategies (i.e. text structure) to read a wide range of texts (including scientific) in order to make connections between different media representations of the text, deepening their understanding. Students will identify a topic for research, engage in the process of gathering information and investigating different aspects of this topic. Students will use the writing process and information gathered in research to write a well organized informational/explanatory text that includes an introduction, development of the topic with examples and precise word choice and a conclusion related to the information presented.

SEL

Throughout this unit, students will be asked to <u>monitor their progress and self-assess</u> their ability to be self-aware of emotions and behavior in order to establish and maintain positive relationships in the classroom, home, and the community.

Stage 1- Desired Results		
STANDARDS	Transfer	
Priority: Science:	Students will be able to independently use their learning to	
4-PS3-4: Apply scientific ideas to design, test, and refine a device that converts energy from one form to another.	TG1: Apply an understanding of energy to design, test, and refine a device that converts energy from one form to another	
Language Arts: RL.4.2: Determine a theme of a	TG2: Read and analyze a wide range of texts to communicate an understanding of the impact of text structure on the theme or main idea of a text.	
story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.	TG3: Engage in the research process to gather information on a topic of interest and write a well organized and detailed informational/explanatory piece on this topic.	
RI.4.2: Determine the main idea of a		

text and explain how it is supported by key details;	Meaning	
RL.4.5: Explain major differences	ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS Students will understand that	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS Students will continue to consider
between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., verse, rhythm, meter) and drama (e.g., casts of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) when	EU1: Energy can be transferred in various ways and between objects(<i>Similarities and differences in patterns can be used to sort and classify natural phenomena.</i>)	EQ1: What is energy and how is it related to motion? <i>How is energy transferred/ transformed?</i>
writing or speaking about a text. RI.4.5: Describe the overall structure (e.g. chronology, comparison, cause/effect,	EU2: Engineers improve existing technologies or develop new ones. <i>(Science affects everyday life.)</i>	EQ2: How can energy be used to solve a problem in our everyday lives? <i>How do waves influence our everyday lives?</i>
problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts or information in a text or part of a text.	EU3 : Effective readers of literary text break down the structure of texts to determine the type of text (e.g., prose, poetry, drama) and	EQ3: How does a text's structure help me understand a text?
 W.4.2: Select a topic and gather information (facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) to share with an audience. A. Introduce a topic clearly and group related information in 	to deepen an understanding of the text; effective readers of informational text break down the structure of texts and note patterns (e.g., cause/effect, chronology, etc.) that contribute to an understanding of the text.	
paragraphs and sections; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.	EU4: Readers make connections and draw inferences using details from the text to help determine the theme; readers make connections using details from the text to help determine the main idea.	EQ4: How do readers use details to help determine the theme/main idea?
 B. Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic. 	help determine the main idea. EU5: Effective writers/researchers begin by generating questions about a specific topic; they use these questions to guide and focus	EQ5: How can I discover the information I need to develop my writing?
C. Link ideas within categories of information using words and phrases (e.g., another, for example, also, because).	their research.	

 D. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic. E. Provide a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation 	EU6: Every day we come face to face with written material that is necessary to accomplish tasks required to live in today's world (e.g., e-mails, labels, instructions, schedules, brochures, etc.)	EQ6: How do we use informative writing in everyday life?
presented. W.4.7: Conduct short research projects that build knowledge	EU7: We maintain positive relationships with others when we are willing to listen to understand differing opinions.	EQ7: Why should we examine and respect multiple opinions?
through investigation of different aspects of a topic.	Acqui	isition
SEL: Goal 1: Develop self-awareness and self-management skills to achieve school and life success.	Students will know K1: Academic Vocabulary	<u>Year-Long English/Spanish "I Can"</u> <u>Statements</u> Students will be skilled at
Goal 2: Use social-awareness and interpersonal skills to establish and maintain positive relationships.	Science K2: Energy can be moved from place to place by moving objects or through sound, light, or electric currents	Science S1: I can apply scientific ideas to solve design problems.
Goal 3: Demonstrate decision-making skills and responsible behaviors in personal, school, and community contexts.	K3: Light transfers energy from place to placeK4: Energy can be transferred from place to	Language Arts/Digital Literacy S2: I can compare the text of a story with an oral presentation and find where it reflects specific descriptions in the text (RL.7)
Supporting: Science: 4-PS3-2: Make observations to provide evidence that energy can be transferred from place to place by sound, light, heat and electric currents 4-PS4-2: Develop a model to describe that light reflecting from objects and entering the eye allows objects to be	 place by electric currents, which can then be used locally to produce motion, sound, heat, or light. The currents may have been produced to begin with by transforming the energy of motion into electrical energy. K5: The expression "produce energy" typically refers to the conversion of stored energy into a desired form for practical use 	 S3: I can read charts, graphs, diagrams and timelines in print media (RI.7) S4: I can identify text structure (RI.5) Some information in written using time order Some information is written comparing people, objects or events. Some information is written telling

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 seen. Language Arts: RL.4.4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, <i>including allusions, adages, and figurative language</i>. 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. RL.4.7: Make connections between the text of a story or drama and a visual or oral presentation of the text, identifying where each version reflects specific descriptions and directions in the text 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. W.4.6: With some guidance and support from adults, use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of one page in a single sitting. 	Language Arts/Digital Literacy K6: Reading strategies (Firsthand account (primary)/Secondhand (secondary), point of view (first/third)) K7: The structure of informative/ explanatory writing (chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) K8: The writing process K9: How to be a responsible digital citizen SEL K10: Interpersonal skills K11: Decision-making skills	 causes and effects of those causes, events, ideas, or concepts. S5: I can gather information and investigate different aspects of a topic in order to conduct a short research project and build knowledge. (W.7) S6: I can explain or provide information about a topic or idea(s) in an informative/ explanatory piece. (W.2) I can choose only the details and information related to the topic. I can organize my writing in paragraphs and sections with headings. I can elaborate on my writing through the use of illustrations and/or multimedia. I can use linking words and phrases. I can bring my paper to an end with a concluding statement or section that relates all the information or explanations presented. S7: I can identify the author and title of information in multiple platforms to give credit to my sources. (Info/Dig Lit Goal 1) S8: I can share my ideas and thoughts based on my reading. (Info/Dig Lit Goal 2)

S9: I can articulate the main idea of my source. (Info/Dig Lit Goal 3)
S10: I can work with others to exchange ideas and solve a problem. (Info/Dig Lit Goal 3)
S11: I can select the right technology to help me organize my ideas. (Info/Dig Lit Goal 4)
SEL S12: I can use social-awareness and interpersonal skills to establish and maintain positive relationships.
S13: I can apply decision-making skills to deal responsibly with daily academic and social situations.