Beginning Botanist

Science Process Skills

Science Process Skills	Lesson #1	Lesson #2	Lesson #3	Lesson #4
Observing				
Identifies object properties	•	•	•	•
Uses senses to observe concrete, familiar objects	•	•	•	•
Differentiates between models and the real thing			•	•
Uses measurement tools to record observations				
Uses tools to observe objects or events	•	•	•	
Describing				
Describes key attributes of objects			•	•
Creates drawings or models depicting objects			•	
Describes changes in objects	•		•	
Discusses changes in variables that affect an investigation	•			
Categorizing				
Notices similarities and differences	•	•	•	•
Sorts objects into groups using one attribute at a time				•
Establishes own sorting criteria	•			•
Sorts objects using multiple attributes				•
Provides reasoning for grouping objects				•
Predicting				
Verbalizes thinking	•		•	•
Recognizes and extends patterns				
Makes simple predictions	•	•	•	
Makes predictions based on observations	•		•	
Uses estimation to make quantitative predictions				
Experimenting				
Investigates models of objects/phenomena			•	
Manipulates materials	•	•	•	•
Identifies factors that might affect the outcome of an experiment			•	
Participates in collecting data				•
Interprets data using symbols or graphs				
Performs trial-and-error investigations	•			
Drawing Conclusions				
Makes verbal interpretations of observations	•	•	•	
Finds patterns from data collected				
Connects findings from an investigation				