
This book is part of a four-volume Project Earth Science series developed for middle/junior high school students. It could be useful in grades 6-8 as an enhancement to any weather curriculum.

*Project Earth Science: Meteorology* contains a series of activities and readings about the Earth’s atmosphere, factors that contribute to weather, and the way air masses interact to produce weather changes.

This would be useful to a classroom teacher because it provides some simple, easy-to-do (and simple to set up) activities. The readings could be used to enhance teacher preparation or as sources for further study by students.

I would recommend *Project Earth Science: Meteorology* as a supplement for use with a unit on weather.

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*Konte Chameleon Fine, Fine, Fine!,* a West African folk tale retold by Christina Kessler, is a lively tale of a chameleon that constantly changes colors. He hops on a red orchid and promptly turns a crimson shade. Concerned he is “sick, sick, sick,” he visits Doctor Jolloh for a consultation. The kindly doctor instructs the little chameleon to climb onto a yellow flower. Konte turns bright yellow. He jumps on a brown rock and turns as brown as a coconut. Konte eventually comes to the conclusion, aided by the power of his own eyes, that the chameleon’s nature is to change color wherever he goes. He realizes life will be a lot easier for him from that day forward. Christine Kessler’s retelling of this old African folk tale in repetitive language is a perfect choice for reading aloud to the younger student, or its easy-to-follow story line works well for the more advanced reader.

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Review of *Power of Science: Electricity (Hands-on Activities for Grades 4-6)*
Manufactured by Learning Resources, Inc.

*Power of Science: Electricity* is a kit consisting of eight units: Static Electricity, Electrical Interactions, Electric Circuits, Electrical Switches and Fuses, Magnetism and Electricity, and Electromagnetism.

Included in the kit is a teacher resource book, 23 task cards, and equipment for an electricity center. (A few common household materials and batteries would be needed to complete the center.) There are 30 hands-on activities with step-by-step instructions and teaching tips. The activities include several games and constructions that would be highly motivational. Each unit starts with a teacher demonstration to set the stage for the two student experiments that follow. Most of the activities in this kit are well known to science teachers, but some have a few new wrinkles. Although there are not enough supplies for a whole class to use at one time, there seems to be an adequate amount of materials for a science center. I would think of this kit as a supplement to my fourth grade classroom science lab activities.

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