

Soils and Plants		Grade 3: Soils in the Environment	
Curriculum Connections	Topic	Earth and Space	
	Fundamental Concepts	Sustainability and Stewardship	
<p><b>Description</b> Soil is an essential source of life and nutrients for many living things. Students examine the composition and characteristics of soils and set-up an experiment to see how well different soils support plant growth.</p>			
<p><b>Big Ideas</b> The composition, characteristics and condition of soil determine its capacity to sustain life</p>	<p><b>Overall Expectations</b> 2. investigate the composition and characteristics of different soils</p>		
<p><b>Specific Expectations</b> 2.3 use scientific inquiry/experimentation skills, and knowledge and skills acquired from previous investigations, to determine which type(s) of soil will sustain life</p>			