

6th Grade Curriculum Pacing Guide Crosscutting Concepts: Cause and Effect; Patterns

Weathering and Erosion

7 Week Instructional Segment

Anchoring	Standard	Instructional	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Science and	Instructional Notes
Phenomenon		Segment		Engineering	
				Practices	
Pictures of	S6E5 .d,	What's	A Framework for K-12 Science Education:	 Asking 	By the end of this unit, students
weathering	e	Happening	By the end of grade 6:	questions and	are using the following language
and erosion		to the	ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's	defining	in their speaking and writing
		Earth?	Surface Processes	problems	during EXPLAIN or
			 Water continually cycles among land, 	 Developing 	ELABORATE:
			ocean, and atmosphere via	and using	Aquifer
			transpiration, evaporation,	models	Canyon
			condensation and crystallization, and		• Cloud
			precipitation as well as downhill flows		 Condensation
			on land.		• Dam
			• The movement of water in the		Engineer
			atmosphere is determined by winds,		Evaporate
			landforms, and ocean temperatures and		 Evaporation
			currents being the major determinants		 Groundwater
			of local weather patterns.		 Hydrologic cycle
			 Global movements of water and its 		 Hydrology
			changes in form are propelled by		 Infiltration
			sunlight and gravity.		 Permeable
			 Variations in density due to variations 		 Precipitation
			in temperature and salinity drive a		• Reservoir
			global pattern of interconnected ocean		 Surface area
			currents.		• Transpiration
			Water's movements, on land and		• Water
			underground, cause weathering and		Water cycle
			erosion, which change the land's		Water supply
			surface features and create		 Water vapor
			underground formations.		

This instructional segment will connect to Earth's Changing Landscapes.