

Elementary Science Curriculum update:

This past year we have supplemented K-6th grade science with the Science Weekly magazines due to the unpredictability of being able to use the approved science kits from the ESD. After lengthy discussions with the ESD and the elementary buildings it was determined that our students would be better supported with us discontinuing the use of the ESD science kit rotation and keep the subscription to the Science Weekly magazines and supplemental supplies for science projects let by each grade level team.

There were several reasons behind this decision.

1. The ESD science kits are sent to us on a quarterly rotating basis, and do not always align with where the teachers are at in their science curriculum. There are also frequently problems with the kits not being stocked correctly or the buildings having to order extra supplies.
2. The Science Weekly magazines provide much more flexibility and consistency in the structure of the program. Teachers receive the full year of magazines in August, which allows teachers to organize them in the order that they want students to use them.
3. If we are put back into a situation of remote learning teachers will be able to seamlessly continue their science instruction with the Science Weekly program (magazines can be accessed electronically as well).

This is outside of the current board adoption for elementary science, but has a similar overall cost as the ESD science kits that the board last approved.

Science Studies Weekly link: <https://www.studiesweekly.com/science/>