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Students who demonstrate understanding can:

- 3-LS1-1. Develop models to describe that organisms have unique and diverse life cycles but all have in common birth, growth, reproduction, and death.** [Clarification Statement: Changes organisms go through during their life form a pattern.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment of plant life cycles is limited to those of flowering plants. Assessment does not include details of human reproduction.]

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p>Developing and Using Models Modeling in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to building and revising simple models and using models to represent events and design solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop models to describe phenomena. (3-LS1-1) <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connections to Nature of Science</i></p> <p>Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Science findings are based on recognizing patterns. (3-LS1-1) 	<p>LS1.B: Growth and Development of Organisms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reproduction is essential to the continued existence of every kind of organism. Plants and animals have unique and diverse life cycles. (3-LS1-1) 	<p>Patterns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Patterns of change can be used to make predictions. (3-LS1-1)
<p><i>Connections to other DCIs in third grade:</i> N/A</p> <p><i>Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels:</i> MS.LS1.B (3-LS1-1)</p> <p><i>Common Core State Standards Connections:</i></p> <p><i>ELA/Literacy –</i></p> <p>RI.3.7 Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur). (3-LS1-1)</p> <p>SL.3.5 Create engaging audio recordings of stories or poems that demonstrate fluid reading at an understandable pace; add visual displays when appropriate to emphasize or enhance certain facts or details. (3-LS1-1)</p> <p><i>Mathematics –</i></p> <p>MP.4 Model with mathematics. (3-LS1-1)</p> <p>3.NBT Number and Operations in Base Ten (3-LS1-1)</p> <p>3.NF Number and Operations—Fractions (3-LS1-1)</p>		

*The performance expectations marked with an asterisk integrate traditional science content with engineering through a Practice or Disciplinary Core Idea.

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