



2026-27 Topics Calendar

Fall 2026

ISSUE	FEATURE ARTICLE	SUBJECT AREAS	STANDARDS
September	 COLORFUL CRAYONS: When was this wax-based writing tool invented, and how are they made?	Physical Science & Engineering	◆ Matter ◆ Engineering Design Process
	  WOULD YOU RATHER: Travel Back to the Ice Age or the Age of the Dinosaurs?	Earth Science	◆ History of Planet Earth ◆ Common Ancestry and Diversity
October/ November	  THE SCOOP ON SKELETONS: Explore the four major types of skeletons and how they help animals survive.	Life Science	◆ Natural Selection ◆ Evolution ◆ Form and Function
	  SCIENCE OF SWING: From blasting a home run to snagging a pop fly, find out what forces make baseball and softball possible.	Physical Science	◆ Forces and Motion ◆ Energy
December/ January	 EXTREME SCIENCE LABS: Take a tour of the hottest, coldest, highest, and fastest science labs on Earth!	Earth Science & Engineering	◆ Weather and Climate ◆ STEM and Society
	  ANIMAL ROBOTS: Meet the mechanical creatures engineered to help real-life critters.	Life Science & Engineering	◆ Information Processing ◆ Engineering Design Process

Spring 2027

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February	 SNOWED IN: Understand how snowstorms form and why the future of blizzards might be different than what you'd expect.	Earth Science	◆ Natural Hazards ◆ Weather and Climate
	 "UGLY" FRUITS & VEGGIES: Can a carrot with googly eyes help combat food waste?	Life Science	◆ Cycles of Matter ◆ Natural Resources
March/April	 SAVING BABY SHARKS: Conservationists at a network of aquariums prepare shark pups for life in the wild.	Life Science & Earth Science	◆ Growth and Development ◆ Human Impacts
	 GOING SOLAR: Why more and more homes and businesses are powered by the sun	Physical Science	◆ Energy ◆ Weather and Climate
May/June	 HISTORY OF ROLLERCOASTERS: The first roller coaster in the U.S. was a converted mining track! Today, coasters go higher and faster with dips, loops, twists, and turns.	Physical Science & Engineering	◆ Forces and Motion ◆ Energy ◆ Engineering Design Process
	 DECLINE OF INSECTS: What might happen to ecosystems with fewer and fewer bugs?	Life Science	◆ Ecosystems ◆ Biodiversity and Humans