



## Lead Science Teacher Start-of-Year Checklist August 2015



Welcome back! Here are a few organization tasks that will help your school get science off to a great start:

- FOSS kits will arrive by the first day of school. Make sure teachers know where to pick them up.
- Request time for teachers to inventory their kits. This is a great way for teachers to get familiar with the materials and make sure that everything is there. Checklists can be downloaded from [science.ousd.k12.ca.us](http://science.ousd.k12.ca.us). Let us know **by Sept. 15** if anything is missing by scanning and emailing the forms to [Claudio.Vargas@ousd.k12.ca.us](mailto:Claudio.Vargas@ousd.k12.ca.us) or faxing them to 510-434-2220.
- If your school is starting with Life Science, teachers will need to order organisms through you **by Aug. 22**. Go to [science.ousd.k12.ca.us](http://science.ousd.k12.ca.us) for ordering info.
- Each teachers should have all three FOSS Teacher Guides for his or her grade level. Any extras can be brought to the LST Meeting in August, since other schools may need them.
- Your school should be housing a complete set of the videos that go with the FOSS modules. Inventory these. A list is on the reverse of this page.
- Put the 1<sup>st</sup> LST Meeting and BBQ on your calendar: Thursday, **Aug. 20** from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Oakland Zoo.
- Encourage all 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to attend the SIRA PD on **Aug. 17** from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Chabot Space and Science Center. Register through OnTrack.
- Discuss a schedule for science PDs with your principal and ILT.
- Locate your LST binder (if you didn't give it to us in June) and bring it to the LST Meeting and BBQ on Aug. 20.

**Thank you!**  
**Happy Start of the School Year!**

## FOSS Videos

The following videos, in both DVD and VHS format, have been delivered to each school site. They should be housed in the LST's classroom, book room, school library, or other location where they will be maintained and available for teachers' use. These videos are necessary for full implementation of the FOSS curriculum. Let the Science Team know immediately if you are missing any videos.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Strand</b>	<b>FOSS Kit Name</b>	<b>Video Title</b>
1	Life	Plants and Animals	How Plants Get Food
1	Life	Plants and Animals	How Plants Grow
1	Life	Plants and Animals	How Plants Live in Different Places
2	Physical	Balance and Motion	All About Simple Machines
2	Life	Insects and Plants	How Plants Grow
2	Earth	Pebbles, Sand, and Silt	I Dig Fossils
3	Physical	Matter and Energy	All about Light
3	Physical	Matter and Energy	All about Solids, Liquids, & Gases
3	Physical	Matter and Energy	All about the Transfer of Energy
3	Life	Structures of Life	All About Animal Adaptations
3	Earth	Sun, Moon, and Stars	All about Stars
3	Earth	Sun, Moon, and Stars	All about the Moon
4	Life	Environments	How Seeds Get Here...& There
4	Life	Environments	What is Pollination?
4	Earth	Solid Earth	All About Volcanoes
5	Life	Living Systems	Circulatory and Respiratory Sys.
5	Life	Living Systems	Digestion and Excretory Systems
5	Life	Living Systems	Plant Structure and Growth
5	Earth	Water Planet	Planets and the Solar System