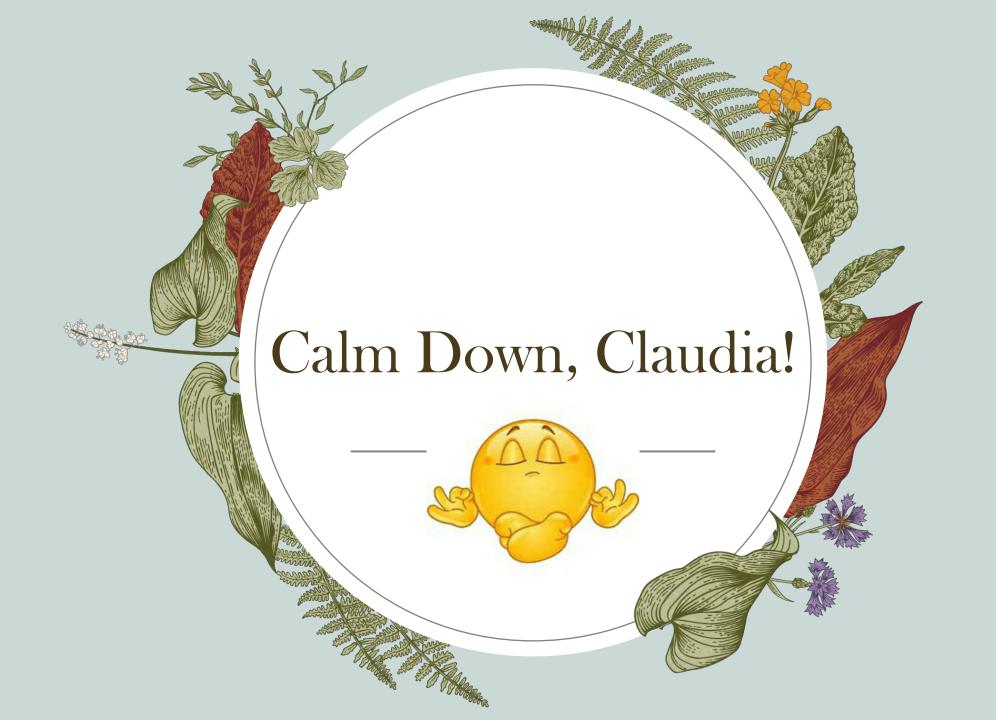


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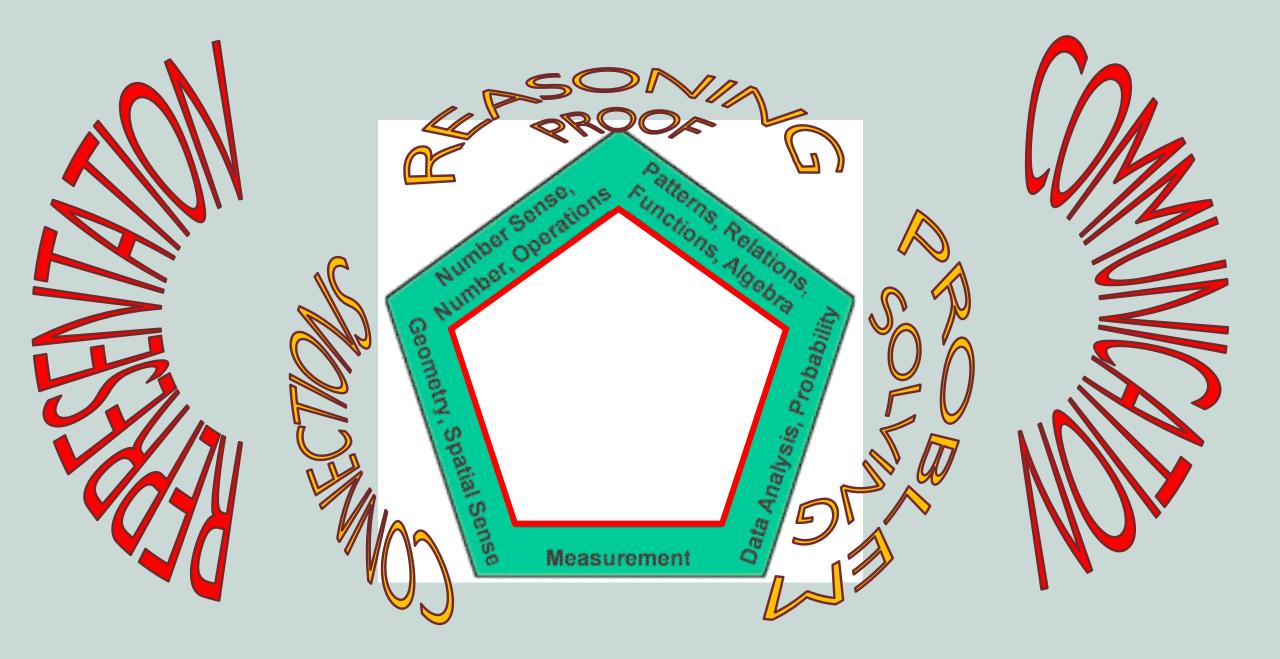
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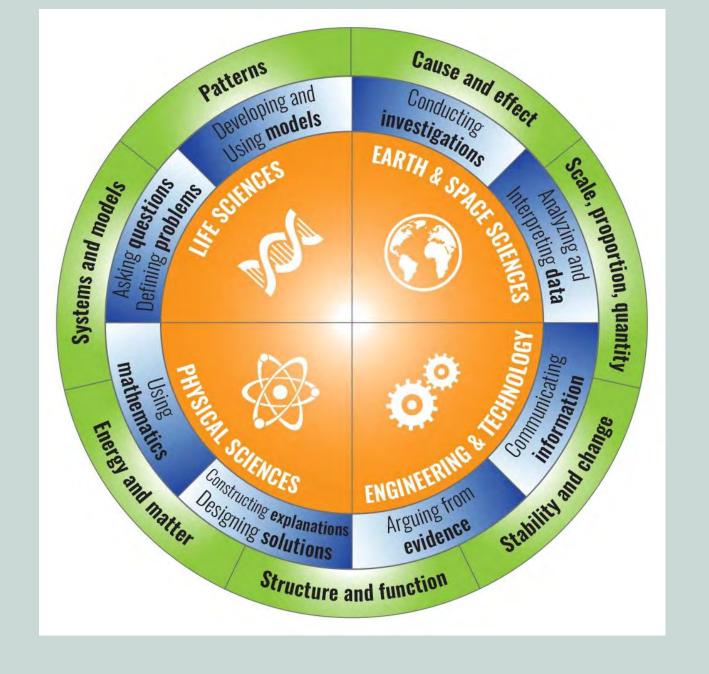


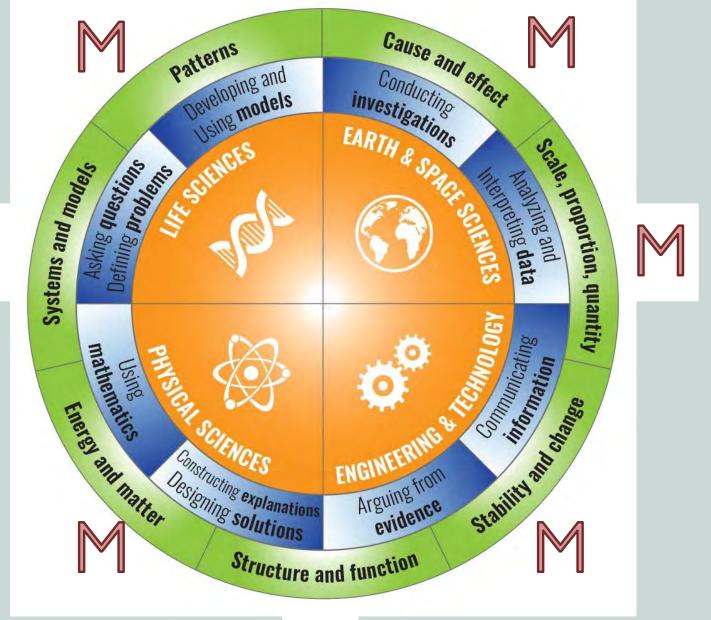
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Science

- Systematic study of the structure and behavior of the physical and natural world through observation, experimentation, and the testing of theories against the evidence obtained. (Oxford Dictionary, 6/24/24)
- The pursuit and application of knowledge and understanding of the natural and social world following a systematic methodology based on evidence. (Science Council, 6/24/24)











Nature

- The external world in its **entirety** (Merriam-Webster.com)
- The phenomena of the physical world collectively, including plants, animals, the landscape, and other features and products of the earth [universe]; the basic or inherent features of something, especially when seen as characteristic of it; or "the innate or essential qualities or character of a person or animal." (New Oxford American Dictionary)





Teaching math and science in CONTEXT via lessons that are meaningful and purposeful.

• Using math AND science – together – to understand, explain, clarify, and better our world for the good of the world.



Meaningful Lessons

- Understanding, explaining a phenomenon.
- Finding out the facts or the reasons, the "what" and "why.
- Learning that has a <u>significant reality</u>, especially to the learner.

Purposeful Lessons

- Has a further goal
- Not just for facts or for finding out the "why" of something, but also to USE that "why." To go beyond just learning.
- To contribute to the solution to a problem or contributing to finding out more about a phenomenon
- Iterative; putting information/data back into a collection of information/data towards a purpose or goal <u>that has meaning</u>.

BLOOM'S TAXONOMY

Use Existing Information to make something new Create Invent, Develop, Design, Compose, Generate, Construct Purposeful Make judgments based on sound analy **Evaluate** Assess, Judge, Defend, Prioritize Critique, Recommend Explore relationships, causes, and connections **Analyze** Compare Contrast, Categorize, Organize, Distinguish Use existing knowledge in new contexts Practice, Calculate, Implement, Operate, Use, Illustrate Grasp the meaning of something **Understand** Explain, Paraphrase, Report, Describe, Summarize Retain and recall information Remember Reiterate, Memorize, Duplicate, Repeat, Identify







"Seeds"

Local - "Backyard"

Global - Webcams

Online - Simulation Labs

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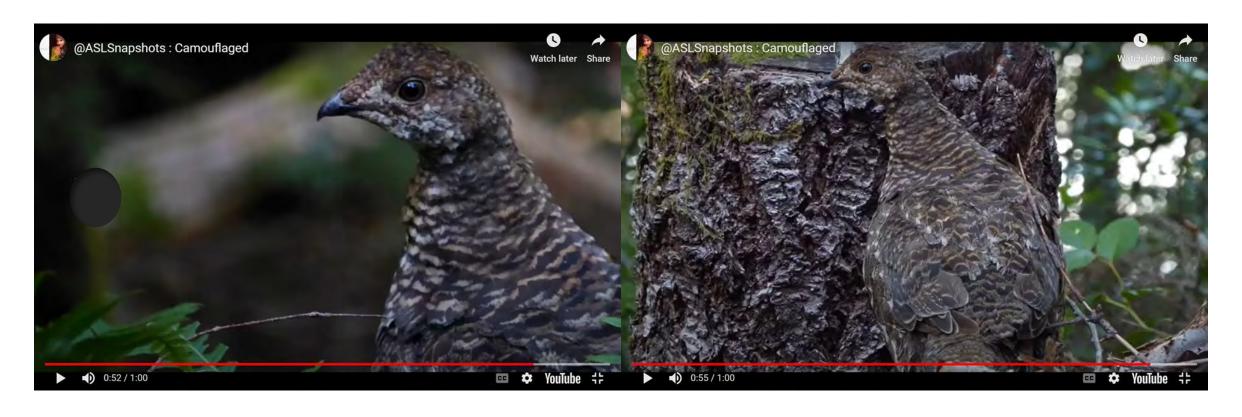


"Backyard"



- <u>Beautiful Mathematics in the Natural World (youtube.com)</u> great video regarding high-level math and science in nature
- Natural Patterns are extremely beautiful ECstep











https://www.tynemouthaquarium.co.uk/blog/animal-stories/8-clever-fish-species-that-use-camouflage-to-survive-in-the-ocean/

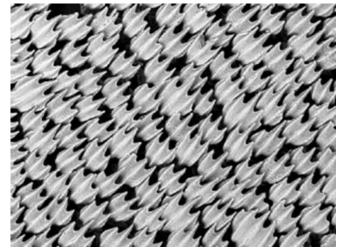




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Shark skin -- Denticles

Purposeful



- Biomimicry: the imitation of characteristics and behaviors of the natural world in solving challenges faced by humans
 - Olympic bathing suits
 - Underwater robots
 - Medical surfaces
 - Other???

Meaningful & Purposeful



- Project NOAH ("networked organisms and habitats")
 - Project Noah Nature School
 - Ex. Turtle Tunnel



Nature Webcams





• Brown Bear Cam - Brooks Falls in Katmai National Park | Explore.org





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- Cornell Lab FeederWatch Cam at Sapsucker Woods (youtube.com)
- FOBBV CAM: Friends of Big Bear Valley (CA)
 - Big Bear Bald Eagle Live Nest Cam 1 YouTube
 - FOBBV LIVE Recap & Observations Google Docs
- Namibia: Live stream in the Namib Desert (youtube.com)
- California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, CA (calacademy.org)
- Shark Cam Live underwater webcam of sharks | Explore.org



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Data Contribution



Meaningful & Purposeful



- Citizenscience.gov
- Scistarter.org
- Chart of Marine Debris Decomposition The Global Education Project
- On a Mission to Monitor Shoreline Marine Debris | OR&R's Marine Debris

Program (noaa.gov)

- Data Platform | Marine Debris Tracker
- The Lost Ladybug Project
- Home | ZomBee Watch Project
- Shark Tracking at the Guy Harvey Research Institute (ghritracking.org)



Online Simulation Labs



Meaningful & Purposeful



- Lab Xchange Virtual Lab Simulations (labxchange.org)
- Labster | Virtual Labs for Universities and High Schools
- Energy | NOVA Labs | PBS



Summary

Mathematics and science are *means* by which we understand our world, and <u>tools</u> with which we share, and perhaps change our world for the better!

Let you students in on that! Offer them lessons that having <u>meaning and purpose</u>, <u>NATURALLY</u>!





Thank you!





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