Dear Educator,

Your students will discover chemistry is cool as they read through this issue of KIDS DISCOVER. Your young scientists will explore the topics at the right in Chemistry.

This Teacher’s Guide is filled with activity ideas and blackline masters that can help your students understand more about chemistry and its role in their everyday lives. Select or adapt the activities that suit your students’ needs and interests best.

Thank you for making KIDS DISCOVER a part of your classroom agenda.

Sincerely,
KIDS DISCOVER

P.S. We would enjoy hearing from you. E-mail your comments and ideas to teachers@kidsdiscover.com

Meeting the Standards
Physical Science
✔ Properties and changes of properties in matter
✔ Transfer of energy

History and Nature of Science
✔ Science as a human endeavor
✔ Visit www.kidsdiscover.com/standards to find out more about how KIDS DISCOVER meets state and national standards.

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PREREADING ACTIVITIES

Before distributing KIDS DISCOVER Chemistry, activate students’ prior knowledge with these activities.

Discussion
To get students thinking about how this topic relates to their interests and lives, ask:
- Have you had a fizzy drink that lost its fizz? Why did this happen?
- Have you watched fireworks on a summer night? What makes them so beautiful?
- When do you use sunscreen? Why?

Concept Map
Explain to students that they will be reading Chemistry. Ask: What are some words related to chemistry? List students’ responses on the board. (See box below for some terms they may suggest.) After creating a list, ask students to group the words into categories, such as Makeup of Matter, State of Matter, Elements, and Scientists. Create a concept map by writing Chemistry on the board and circling it. Write the categories around the circle and draw lines between the ideas to show the connections. Then list examples and write the words from the list around the appropriate categories. Encourage students to add more words to the concept map as they read Chemistry.

Get Set to Read (Anticipation Guide)
Copy and distribute the Get Set to Read blackline master (page 3 of this Teacher’s Guide). Explain to students that this Anticipation Guide will help them find out what they know and what misconceptions they have about the topic. Get Set to Read is a list of statements—some true, some false. Ask students to write whether they think each statement is true or false in the Before Reading column. Be sure to tell students that it is not a test and they will not be graded on their answers. The activity can be completed in a variety of ways for differentiated instruction:
- Have students work on their own or in small groups to complete the page.
- Assign pairs of students to focus on two statements and to become “experts” on these topics.
- Ask students to complete the Before Reading column on their own, and then tabulate the class’s answers on the chalkboard, an overhead transparency, or your classroom computer.
- Review the statements orally with the entire class.

If you predict that students will need assistance finding the answers, complete the Page Number column before copying Get Set to Read.

Preview
Distribute Chemistry and model how to preview it. Examine titles, headings, words in boldface, pictures, diagrams, and captions. Then have students add new information to the Concept Map. If students will be reading only a few pages at one sitting, preview only the selected pages.

BE WORD WISE WITH POWER VOCABULARY!
You have exclusive access to additional resources including Power Vocabulary blackline masters for every available KIDS DISCOVER title! These activities introduce students to 15 specialized and general-use vocabulary words from each KIDS DISCOVER title. Working with both types of words helps students develop vocabulary, improve comprehension, and read fluently. Follow the links from your Teacher’s Toolbox CD-ROM and find your title to access these valuable resources:
- Vocabulary cards
- Crossword puzzle
- Word find
- Matching
- Cloze sentences
- Dictionary list
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Cover
Before students read Chemistry, have them look at the cover. Ask:
✓ Why do you think this photograph is used to illustrate this issue?
✓ What do you think bananas have to do with chemistry?

Pages 2–3
Everything around us is made up of matter. Ask:
✓ What makes up matter?
✓ What is chemistry?
✓ How do crime scene investigators use chemistry to detect fingerprints?

Pages 4–5
Four elements are building blocks of life and more. Ask:
✓ Why was hydrogen once used to fill up balloons and blimps? Why is it no longer used this way?
✓ Which two chemicals are the most abundant gases in the air?
✓ How are diamonds and the graphite in pencils alike? How are they different?

Pages 6–7
Chemistry interactions are happening all the time. Ask:
✓ Why do carbonated drinks lose their fizz?
✓ How is a scab a natural bandage?
✓ Is your hair straight or curly? Why?

Pages 8–9
Many chemists have made important discoveries. Ask:
✓ For scientists, what is meant by “each ‘stands upon the shoulders’ of others”?
✓ Give an example of conservation of matter.
✓ What were some of Marie Curie’s accomplishments?

Pages 10–11
Fireworks come in many colors. Ask:
✓ What element is used to produce smoke?
✓ What elements would pyrotechnic chemists use to produce a red, white, and blue colored firework?

Pages 12–13
Chemistry in action is part of many ordinary and extraordinary objects. Ask:
✓ Explain how trick candles work.
✓ Why does the hydrogen peroxide tube in a glow stick have to break for the glow stick to light up?
✓ How are liquid bandages and bubble gum alike?

Pages 14–15
Nature’s chemicals help plants, animals, and people. Ask:
✓ How has the white willow tree helped ease pain in humans?
✓ How do some species of spiders use pheromones to trap moths?
✓ How do some plants help other plants discourage plant eaters from champing on them?

Pages 16–17
Chemistry leads to innovations that improve life. Ask:
✓ Try to write the decimal number that equals one nanosecond.
✓ How does green chemistry help make waterways healthier?
✓ How are petro-plastics and bioplastics alike and different?

All Pages
After students read the issue, ask:
✓ Identify three facts you have learned about chemistry in this issue of KIDS DISCOVER.
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Language Arts
◆ Spandex is an anagram of the word expands. An anagram is a word or phrase made by rearranging the letters of another word or phrase. Write the following anagrams on the board and have students work with partners to rearrange the letters to form chemistry-related terms: try chimes (chemistry), moats (atoms), mound cops (compounds), close mule (molecules), go dry hen, (hydrogen), meet Len (element).

Science and Language Arts
◆ Gold is a soft metal that bends easily. For jewelry and other items, gold alloys are used. Have students dig for gold by finding out about uses of this precious metal and its properties. Their report should include information about karats and the percentage of gold in 14-karat, 18-karat, and 24-karat gold objects. Have students prepare a short report with visuals to present their research findings to the class.

Social Studies
◆ The Hindenburg was a German airship that burst into flames as it was docking in New Jersey on May 6, 1937. Have students research information about the Hindenburg and its disastrous end and report their findings to the class.

Science and Art
◆ Have students build computer models of atoms and molecules. Have students choose an element, find out about its structure, and create a computer model of the element or a compound that has the element. Encourage students to label their model and write a short description of the element.

Language Arts and Art
◆ Have students produce a Chemistry Book of Records. Have them find examples of the superlatives and firsts identified in the magazine. Encourage students to compile the information into an illustrated book of records. They might list, for example, hydrogen as the smallest atom and Marie Curie as the first woman to win a Nobel Prize and the first person to receive two Nobel Prizes. Encourage students to add to the book whenever they encounter chemistry topics throughout the year.
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    Essay: Answers will vary. Students may cite chemistry’s role in producing medicines or the development of fun or useful products.
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   Water passes through the surface and layers of porous limestone, cracked marl, and pure white sand.

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   A reader can easily infer that the dashed lines represent precipitation.

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   The chemicals probably included lithium, sodium, and magnesium.

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