RAMP UP - HAB Lesson Plan

Title of Lesson:	Exploring Energy with Weather Balloons
Grade Level:	4th
AL COS Standard:	SC15.4.1 - Use evidence to explain the relationship of the speed of an object to the energy of that object.
NGSS:	4-PS3-1 – Use evidence to construct an explanation relating the speed of an object to the energy of that object.
Learning Targets/Objectives:	Students will be able to:
	 Articulate from evidence to explain the observable impact of the speed of an object and the energy of an object.
	Students understand that:
	Energy can be transferred in various ways and between objects.
Materials Needed:	 Book: Oh, the Places You'll Go! By Dr. Seuss Link to purchase on Amazon:
	Worksheet O Types of Energy:
	Quiz for Evaluation

	o Helium Lesson for Kids: Facts & Uses - Quiz & Worksheet:
Preparation:	 Fill out the Pre-Flight Checklist on the uahrampup.org website Locate an open space to do the experiment. Make sure the area that you select is free of trees, powerlines, and no aircraft is flying Check weather to make sure it is clear to do the experiment Make sure you have allotted enough time to complete the experiment
Lesson Logistics:	 Make sure you have two to three people to help you with this experiment. Have someone reading the instructions while the other two are assembling the balloon Make sure space located is available Make sure all materials are in place before starting experiment Identify approximate completion time
Vocabulary Words:	 evidence energy explanation relative speed phenomenon helium construct
Safety Considerations:	 Make sure no one is allergic to latex Make sure that the balloon does not touch the ground Make sure all material that is needed is working properly
Engage:	1. Have students watch the video <i>Helium 101</i> by National Geographic.

	 Tell students they are going to launch a balloon that is inflated with helium. Ask: "How far do you think the balloon will travel?" Have students complete the interactive Types of Energy worksheet.
Explore:	 The HABSAT kit will be completed during this phase. Ask the students what type of energy will be needed to launch the balloon. Ask the students how far and long they think the balloon will travel. Ask students why they think the balloon will eventually come down.
Explain:	 After completing the experiment, ask the following question: "What causes helium balloons to lose their lift?" Show the balloon's flight path on the map (instructions included in HAB kit). Ask the students if it went as far as expected. Review the recorded data from the flight (instructions for viewing data included in HAB kit). Ask the students about the different forms of energy used throughout the experiment. Use the discussion to review vocabulary.
Extend:	 Read <i>Oh, the Places You'll Go!</i> by Dr. Seuss Have the students draw themselves in a hot air balloon traveling to that place. They will write two paragraphs about the place and what type of energy they used to get there.
Evaluation:	Students will complete Helium Lesson for Kids: Facts & Uses – Quiz and Worksheet. https://study.com/academy/practice/helium-quiz-worksheet-for-kids.html