Performance Expectations	Connections to Classroom Activities
 5-PS1-1. Develop a model to describe that matter is made of particles too small to see. 5-PS1-2. Measure and graph quantities to provide evidence that, regardless of the type of change that occurs when heating, cooling, or mixing substances, the total weight of matter is conserved. 5-PS1-3. Make observations and measurements to identify materials based on their properties. 5-PS1-4. Conduct an investigation to determine whether the mixing of two or more substances. 5-LS2-1. Develop a model to describe the movement of matter among plants, animals, decomposers, and the environment. (This PE is partially addressed in the unit.) 	Students make sense of the phenomenon of garbage in the school, home, and neighborhood, which all goes to a landfill in the local community. The anchoring phenomenon for the unit is that the school, home, and neighborhood make large amounts of garbage every day. The driving question for the unit is, "What happens to our garbage?" To answer the driving question, students engage in three-dimensional learning and build their understanding coherently over approximately 9 weeks of instruction.
Science and Engineering Practices	
All of the eight practices	To answer the driving question, "What happens to our garbage?," students engage in each of the SEPs multiple times over approximately 9 weeks of instruction.
Disciplinary Core Ideas	

Connecting to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS Lead States 2013):

 PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter 5-PS1-1 5-PS1-2 M5-PS1-3 PS1.B: Chemical Reactions 5-PS1-4 5-PS1-2 LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems (partial DCI) 5-LS2-1 LS2.B: Cycles of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems (partial DCI) 5-LS2-1 	To answer the driving question, "What happens to our garbage?," students use each of the DCIs multiple times over approximately 9 weeks of instruction (see more details in the text).
Crosscutting Concepts	
All of the seven crosscutting concepts, except structure and function	To answer the driving question, "What happens to our garbage?" students use each of the CCCs multiple times over an approximately 9 weeks of instruction.