Ice, Ice, Baby

What can we learn from Ice?

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Quick Background about me

❖ Triple Knight (BS, MS, EdD)

❖ 10 years teaching Middle School science

❖ 4+ years Space Lab teacher at a Magnet Elementary school

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❖ <1 yr as a Post Doctoral Scholar working with ESE and STEM
Why Ice?

- There are 31 standards, K-12, that involve water
- Ice appears explicitly in many of these:
  2nd grade - states of water
  3rd grade - changes to water
  4th grade - weathering and erosion
  6th grade - cryosphere
- **SC.912.L.18.12 Special properties of water** is part of the curriculum for 37 different HS science courses including Biology, Chemistry, and Physics!
Even in the NGSS

**HS-ESS2-2.** Analyze geoscience data to make the claim that one change to Earth's surface can create feedbacks that cause changes to other Earth systems. [Clarification Statement: Examples should include climate feedbacks, such as how an increase in greenhouse gases causes a rise in global temperatures that melts glacial ice, which reduces the amount of sunlight reflected from Earth's surface, increasing surface temperatures and further reducing the amount of ice.]
Background Info

Setting the icy stage
90% of sunlight is reflected

10% of sunlight is absorbed as heat

only 6% of sunlight is reflected

94% of sunlight is absorbed

ICE-COVERED WATER

OPEN WATER
Where Is Most of the Fresh Water?

Three friends were talking about fresh water. They each had a different idea about where most of Earth’s fresh water is found. This is what they said:

Sephali: I think most of Earth’s fresh water is found in snow, ice caps, glaciers, and under the ground.

Mary: I think most of Earth’s fresh water is found in lakes, rivers, streams, and swamps.

Pearl: I think most of Earth’s fresh water is found in the ocean, seas, and bays.

Who do you agree with the most? ______________________ Explain your thinking.
Sample Lesson #1
High School+

Ice Cores
Why let a good thing go to waste?

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Geologist Extraordinaire

Rachel and Jasmine
MS Science Teachers

Panhandle and Central
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Ice Core Basics
Your Task

❖ Each group has 4 ice cores taken from different depths

❖ Analyze the “bubbles” (beads) trapped in your cores

❖ Use the table provided to determine what time period your core came from

❖ As a group, develop one claim supported by evidence from your cores
   Ex. As Ice thickness increases…….
What could we do with this?

❖ SC.912.N.1.6 Inferences based on observations
❖ SC.912.N.4.1 Science can inform society
❖ SC.912.E.6.6 Consequences of energy production
❖ SC.912.E.7.3 Interactions between spheres
❖ LAFS.WHST.1.1 Write arguments based on domain-specific content
❖ SS.912.W.1.1 Use timelines to establish C-E relationships of historical events
❖ SS.912.G.5.6 Predict how environmental factors affect ecosystems
❖ MAFS.912.S-ID.1.1 Represent data on a number line
❖ MAFS.K12.MP.2.1 Reason abstractly and quantitatively
Sample Lesson #2
Elementary+
Martian Ice Samples
Speaking of Waste: Recycling Water in Space
All the Science…and a chat about going #1
Overview of the rest of the Lesson

❖ Kids learn about water on Mars (lots of it, but it’s frozen)

❖ They get a sample of “Martian ice”

❖ Given materials, have to work together to make their plan to clean it

❖ Final day, they assess their success
What did we cover?

❖ SC.3.N.1.2 Compare observations made by different groups using the same tools
❖ SC.3.N.1.1 Investigate through systematic investigations
❖ SC.3.N.1.3 Keeps records of investigations
❖ SC.3.P.8.3 Compare materials according to properties
❖ SC.3.P.9.1 Describe the changes in state of water
❖ LAFS.3.W.3.8 Gather info from digital sources
❖ LAFS.3.W.1.1 Write opinion pieces supported with reasons
Key Takeaways

● Water (and by extension, ice) is critical to all life on Earth

● Changes in temperature on Earth affect ice (and vice versa)

● Studying ice from the past (and present) can help us learn more about water in our future
Questions?

Thank you!