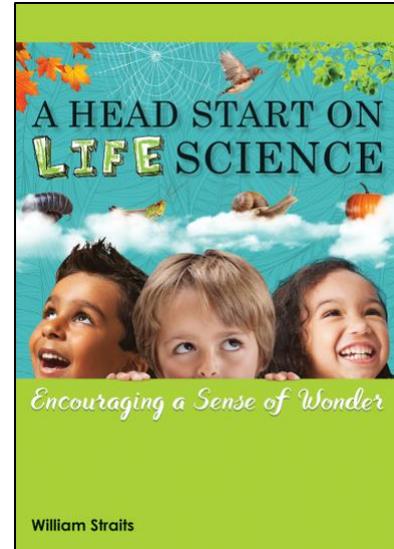


A Head Start on Life Science: Encouraging a Sense of Wonder

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Summary

This book nurtures a lifelong love of science in children – and helps them find joy while doing it. Rather than teaching science facts to 3- to 7-year-olds, you can use the 24 inquiry-based activities in this book to prompt children to make discoveries on their own.

A Head Start on Life Science follows up on the popular *A Head Start on Science*. The new book lets you:

- **generate greater interest in life science.** The lessons are inquiry-based and designed to engage. Through sections on animals, plants and nature walks, children will explore critter camouflage, probe pumpkin insides and outsides, make nature bracelets and more
- **offer related learning opportunities.** Each lesson connects to multiple subjects, including reading, writing and maths, as well as dramatic play, art and sensory centres
- **extend beyond the classroom** in ways that lead to more meaningful and longer-lasting science learning with at-home activities written in English and Spanish. The lessons relate to children's everyday lives and offer ways for them to continue exploring with their families
- **use the material easily and in a variety of settings.** All lessons include lists of learning objectives and required materials, plus relevant background to help you prepare. You can use them in preschools, primary schools, information science settings and home schools.

Author William Straits sees teachers as partners in helping the youngest scientists investigate the natural world. As he writes, “Your sense of wonder will be heightened as you engage in science explorations with children, actively following as their curiosity leads them to discoveries about all that they see, hear, smell, and touch.”

Other Resources

- *A Head Start on Science: Encouraging a Sense of Wonder* (NST4384)
- *Science Dictionary for Kids: The Essential Guide to Science Terms, Concepts and Strategies* (PRU9358)