**Life Science Content Tool Kit**

Words to Know – Glossary

* Living - Any organism or a living form that possesses or shows the characteristics of life or being alive
* Nonliving - one that lacks or has stopped displaying the characteristics of life. Thus, they lack or no longer displaying the capability for growth, reproduction, respiration, metabolism, and movement.
* Environment - the surroundings or conditions in which a person, animal, or plant lives or operates.
* Energy - the strength and vitality required for sustained physical or mental activity
* Basic Needs – the elements required for survival and normal mental and physical health, such as food, water, shelter, protection from environmental threats, and love.
* Survival – the state or fact of continuing to live or exist, typically in spite of an accident, ordeal, or difficult circumstances:
* Characteristics - a feature or quality belonging typically to a person, place, or thing and serving to identify it.
* Reproduction – the production of offspring by a sexual or asexual process.
* Temperature – the degree or intensity of heat present in a substance or object, especially as expressed according to a comparative scale and shown by a thermometer or perceived by touch.
* Interactions - a particular way in which matter, fields, and atomic and subatomic particles affect one another