

Below is a flexible, one-week (5 day) combined science + math lesson plan designed specifically for an 8-year-old with PDA and ADHD. Each day contains short, choice-based mini-lessons (math + science), sensory breaks, and lots of opportunities for child control and movement. Use whichever parts the child enjoys; the plan is intentionally modular so you can pause, switch, or repeat activities as needed.

General pacing notes (flexible):

- Keep sessions short: 10–20 minutes per mini-lesson, 5–10 minutes for reflection. Total focused time per day ~45–70 minutes, split across the day.
- Use a visual timer (e.g., sand timer or simple digital timer) and 2–3 sensory/movement breaks.
- Offer choices and low-demand language: “Would you like to do A or B?” “Which one feels fun today?” Let child lead the order when possible.
- Have rewards that aren’t demanding (choice of game, outdoor time, sticker, special role).

Day 1 — Measurement (math) + States of Matter (science)

### 1. Lesson Title

- Measuring Things + Discovering Solids, Liquids, and Gases

### 2. Learning Objectives (SMART)

- Math: By the end of a 15-minute activity, the student will measure 6 household objects (2 short, 2 medium, 2 long) using a ruler or measuring tape and record lengths to the nearest centimeter.
- Science: By the end of a 15-minute experiment, the student will correctly classify three samples (ice, water, air in a balloon) as solid, liquid, or gas and describe one observable property for each.

### 3. Materials Needed

- Ruler or tape measure, measuring cup
- Ice cube(s), clear cup of water, balloon partially inflated
- Paper and pencil or worksheet with three boxes
- Timer, small prizes/stickers
- Optional: playdough (solid), spray bottle (mist = gas), kettle only with adult supervision (if demonstrating steam, otherwise skip)

### 4. Lesson Introduction (engaging hook)

- Start with a “treasure hunt” choice: “Would you like to measure things in the living room or the kitchen?” Let child pick 6 items to measure. For science: hold up an ice cube and a cup of water and ask “Which one looks like it could change shape? Which one could we blow up?”

### 5. Instructional Procedures

- Exploration:
- Math: Child measures chosen objects with ruler/tape and records lengths (parent models one).
- Science: Child handles (or touches) ice cube, observes water in cup, squeezes balloon. Talk about what changes happen.

- Explanation:
- Define solid, liquid, gas with simple language and examples (solid = keeps shape; liquid = takes shape of container; gas = fills space).
- Show measurement notation (cm) and how to read a ruler (model a few times).
- Application:
- Sort the three samples into labeled boxes on paper and write one property for each (e.g., “ice is cold and holds shape”).
- Math extension: compare 2 items and decide which is longer and by how many cm.
- Reflection:
- Ask: “Which measurement was the most surprising?” “Which state changed when we left it out?” Child can draw a quick picture or tell a story.

## 6. Assessment and Evaluation

- Informal: Observe measuring technique, listen to classification explanations, check recorded numbers.
- Adjustment: If measuring is hard, use nonstandard units (paperclips, blocks) then transition to ruler. If science concepts are tricky, repeat with more examples (sand = liquid-like? Bad example—use playdough and water).

## 7. Integration with Other Subjects

- Literacy: Label drawings and write 1–2 sentences describing an object or state of matter.
- Art: Make a collage of solid/liquid/gas pictures cut from magazines.

## 8. Differentiation and Personalization

- For PDA: Offer two activity locations and let child choose order.
- For ADHD: Keep hands-on, let child stand or move while measuring. Offer a fidget toy during explanation.
- Enrichment: Measure items in mm or convert cm to m.
- Support: Use larger numbers and tape measure, or do paired measuring with parent.

## 9. Real-Life Applications and Field Activities

- Cook together and measure ingredients (liquid vs. solid).
- Nature walk: measure leaf lengths, talk about ice puddles/pooled water.

## 10. Resources for Further Learning

- Khan Academy Kids (measurement games)
- “Measuring Penny” by Loreen Leedy (book)
- Simple video: “States of Matter for Kids” (short animated clip)

## Day 2 — Fractions (math) + Plant Growth & Life Cycle (science)

### 1. Lesson Title

- Split it Up: Fractions with Food + Grow a Bean

### 2. Learning Objectives

- Math: In a 20-minute session, the student will identify and create  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ , and  $\frac{1}{4}$  using real objects (paper, fruit, or LEGO) and match them to simple fraction symbols.
- Science: Over the day/week, the student will plant a seed in a jar and record at least two observations of sprouting in a journal (date + picture/description).

### 3. Materials Needed

- Paper plates, playdough, sandwich or small pancakes, or LEGO pieces
- Paper, markers, scissors
- Bean seed (or fast-germinating seed like radish or cress), clear jar or plastic cup, cotton wool/paper towel, water
- Observation log (simple notebook)

### 4. Lesson Introduction

- Offer snack choice: “Would you like to divide an apple or a pancake?” Use the snack to introduce halves/quarters visually. For science: show a jar with a seed sprouting (or a photo) and ask “Shall we make our own tiny garden?”

### 5. Instructional Procedures

- Exploration:
- Math: Child physically divides the snack or paper circle into halves, thirds, fourths. Use color or stickers to mark pieces.
- Science: Plant the seed together—moisten cotton, tuck seed against jar wall for observation.
- Explanation:
- Explain fraction words and symbols using the pieces:  $\frac{1}{2}$  = one of two equal parts.
- Describe seed needs: water, warmth, light.
- Application:
- Math: Match fraction cards to the actual divided items. Play a quick “Which is  $\frac{1}{3}$ ?” game with choices.
- Science: Place jar in chosen spot, label with date, and make first journal entry (drawing or photo).
- Reflection:
- Ask child to show favorite fraction and say why. For the plant, ask what they think will happen tomorrow.

### 6. Assessment and Evaluation

- Informal: Child shows correct fractions and explains them. Check that seed is planted properly and journal entry made.
- Adjustment: If fractions are confusing, use only halves/quarters and revisit thirds later. If seed care is missed, set a simple routine (parent reminder).

### 7. Integration with Other Subjects

- Writing: Add sentences to observation log: “Day 1: I planted the seed. It is wet.”
- Art: Create a fraction pizza collage from colored paper.

### 8. Differentiation and Personalization

- For PDA: Let child decide which snack or craft to use.
- For ADHD: Keep the activity tactile—use playdough or LEGO to make fractions.

- Enrichment: Introduce equivalent fractions ( $2/4 = 1/2$ ) using visual pieces.
- Support: Use larger visual cues, fewer fractions, or guided hand over hand for dividing.

## 9. Real-Life Applications and Field Activities

- Cook: Half recipes (double or half a pancake recipe).
- Garden: Plant a few seeds and observe differences—tie to responsibility (watering schedule).

## 10. Resources for Further Learning

- Book: “The Tiny Seed” by Eric Carle (plant life cycle)
- Website: BBC Bitesize fractions games
- App: Tiggly or Bedtime Math activities for fractions

## Day 3 — Patterns & Sequences (math) + Simple Machines (science)

### 1. Lesson Title

- Patterns to Pulleys: Finding Sequences + Building a Lever

### 2. Learning Objectives

- Math: Within a 15-minute activity, student will identify and create at least three number patterns (e.g., +2,  $\times 2$ , ABAB) and explain the rule.
- Science: By the end of a 20-minute hands-on build, the student will build a simple lever and demonstrate how changing the fulcrum position changes effort needed.

### 3. Materials Needed

- Counters, beads, colored blocks, paper strips for pattern cards
- Ruler, pencil, small seesaw board (ruler or a small wooden plank), a block or eraser as fulcrum, small toys as weights
- Optional: string and spool for a simple pulley demonstration (parent supervise)

### 4. Lesson Introduction

- Hook: “Make a secret code pattern for me—beads or blocks! Can I figure it out?” For machines: “Want to make it easier to lift your toy? Let’s build a lever.”

### 5. Instructional Procedures

- Exploration:
- Math: Child makes patterns with blocks and asks parent to guess the rule; then child makes number patterns on paper.
- Science: Build lever (plank over fulcrum), test lifting toys at different fulcrum positions; measure effort qualitatively (easy/hard).
- Explanation:
- Discuss pattern rules and how you can continue them.
- Explain lever parts: load, fulcrum, effort — simple language and visual labeling.
- Application:
- Math: Create a “mystery pattern” card game to swap with parent/sibling.

- Science: Try lifting same toy with fulcrum under center vs closer to toy. Draw or take photos to record results.
- Reflection:
- Ask which pattern was trickiest and why. For lever: “Which fulcrum position felt easiest? Why do you think that happened?”

## 6. Assessment and Evaluation

- Informal: Child explains pattern rules and demonstrates lever effects. Tweak complexity if needed.
- Adjustment: If patterns are too easy, extend to missing-term problems; if too hard, limit to AB patterns.

## 7. Integration with Other Subjects

- Art: Make pattern bracelets.
- Literacy: Write instructions for building the lever (sequencing practice: first, next, last).

## 8. Differentiation and Personalization

- For PDA: Offer choices of materials (beads vs blocks) and the option to lead the teaching.
- For ADHD: Make physical movements part of patterns (clap, hop, clap).
- Enrichment: Introduce compound machines or investigate real-life levers (see-saw).
- Support: Use visual cue cards and model one pattern at a time.

## 9. Real-Life Applications and Field Activities

- Playground: Find seesaw and discuss leverage.
- DIY: Use lever to move a heavy box safely.

## 10. Resources for Further Learning

- Book: “Simple Machines” by D. Adler (series)
- Video: Short clip showing levers and pulleys (Mystery Science or National Geographic Kids)

## Day 4 — Money (math) + Habitats & Food Chains (science)

### 1. Lesson Title

- Money Smart + Home for Animals

### 2. Learning Objectives

- Math: In a 20-minute role-play shop activity, the student will count out coins to pay for 3 items and calculate change for amounts up to \$1 (or equivalent currency) using coins.
- Science: By the end of a 20-minute exploration, the student will describe at least two different animal habitats and place 4 animals into correct habitats, explaining one reason for each placement.

### 3. Materials Needed

- Play coins or real coins (parent choice), toy cash register or container, price tags
- Animal figures or printed pictures, shoeboxes or shoe size boxes for diorama habitats,

markers, glue

- Paper bank or wallet, shopping list cards

#### 4. Lesson Introduction

- Hook: “You’re the shopkeeper today — what will you sell? Would you like to make a shop for toys or snacks?” For science: “Let’s make homes for animals—where should the polar bear live?”

#### 5. Instructional Procedures

- Exploration:
- Math: Set up 3 items with price tags. Child plays shopkeeper or customer and uses coins to pay/make change.
- Science: Use animal figures to sort into boxes labeled forest, ocean, desert, arctic. Discuss adaptations (fur, fins).
- Explanation:
- Explain coin values (1c, 5c, 10c, 25c—adjust for local currency). Demonstrate making change by counting up.
- Describe habitat features and why animals belong there.
- Application:
- Math: Create a simple budget: child has \$1 to spend; decide which items to buy.
- Science: Build one habitat box with drawings or glued materials and add animals.
- Reflection:
- Ask child which item they bought and why, or which habitat was easiest/hardest to make and why.

#### 6. Assessment and Evaluation

- Informal: Watch counting strategies and explanation of habitat choices. Use quick “teach back” — child shows how to make change.
- Adjustment: Reduce coin types or use larger denominations if counting is overwhelming. Offer one-to-one coaching for change.

#### 7. Integration with Other Subjects

- Writing: Create price tags with numbers and words.
- Geography/Reading: Read a short nonfiction book about an animal and its habitat.

#### 8. Differentiation and Personalization

- For PDA: Let child design the shop or pick favorite animals/habitats.
- For ADHD: Keep items tactile and include running errands (moving between shop and “home”).
- Enrichment: Introduce larger budgets or simple percentages for discounts.
- Support: Use coin charts and pairing (1 quarter = 25 pennies).

#### 9. Real-Life Applications and Field Activities

- Visit a small local shop (if OK) and practice paying.
- Take a nature walk to spot signs of habitats (tree types, ponds) and relate animals that might live there.

## 10. Resources for Further Learning

- Book: “One Cent, Two Cents, Old Cent, New Cent” by L. Neuschwander (money concepts)
- Website: National Geographic Kids (animal habitat pages)
- App: PiggyBot or simple money counting games

## Day 5 — Telling Time & Light and Shadow (science)

### 1. Lesson Title

- What Time Is It? + Shadows and Light Play

### 2. Learning Objectives

- Math: By the end of 20 minutes, the student will read analog time to the nearest 5 minutes on a practice clock and answer one elapsed time question (e.g., “If class started at 10:10 and lasted 25 minutes, what time is it now?”).
- Science: Within a 20-minute activity, the student will create shadow puppets and show how moving a light source changes the shadow’s size and direction, explaining the change.

### 3. Materials Needed

- Small analog clock/tutor clock (movable hands) or printable clock
- Paper, scissors, craft sticks, flashlight (or lamp), darkened room or shaded area
- Timer, activity sheet for elapsed time (simple)

### 4. Lesson Introduction

- Hook: “What time is snack? Let’s set the clock and practice. Also—want to make magic shadow animals?” Choose which to do first.

### 5. Instructional Procedures

- Exploration:
- Math: Let child move clock hands to show times you ask for and set up “schedule cards” for daily tasks.
- Science: Make simple shadow puppet shapes and shine the flashlight from different distances and angles.
- Explanation:
- Explain hour/minute hands, five-minute intervals, and how to count by 5s for minutes.
- Explain that shadows form when light is blocked and that moving the light or object changes size and direction.
- Application:
- Math: Ask elapsed time questions related to a mini schedule (e.g., 15 minutes of play, when is clean-up).
- Science: Create a short shadow puppet story and record (video) OR draw shadows and label direction (north/east etc. optional).
- Reflection:
- Ask “How did you make the shadow bigger?” or “How do you know it’s quarter past two on our clock?”

### 6. Assessment and Evaluation

- Informal: Child demonstrates reading times and explains elapsed time. For science, child explains how moving the light affected the shadow.
- Adjustment: If analog clock is confusing, use fewer time intervals or start with o'clock and half hour. For science, let child explore more with different objects.

## 7. Integration with Other Subjects

- Drama: Use shadow puppets to retell a favorite story.
- Literacy: Write a simple schedule for the day and have the child copy times.

## 8. Differentiation and Personalization

- For PDA: Allow child to be the "teacher" and show you how to read the clock.
- For ADHD: Combine time teaching with movement (walk around the house to each hour).
- Enrichment: Introduce 24-hour time or time zones in a simple way.
- Support: Use digital/analog comparison and a clock with labeled increments.

## 9. Real-Life Applications and Field Activities

- Create a morning/evening routine chart with times.
- Go outside midday and mark shadow positions on pavement to see sun movement (replace with sundial idea if interested).

## 10. Resources for Further Learning

- Book: "Telling Time with Big Mama Cat" (age-appropriate clock book)
- Website: Interactive clock game (many free sites) and National Geographic Kids for shadow experiments
- Video: Short experiments about light and shadow for kids

## Additional supports and tips specific to PDA & ADHD

- Choice and control: Always offer 2–3 choices for activities, materials, location, or who will do the activity (child leads vs parent models). Framing: "Pick one you'd like to try" instead of "You must do this."
- Low-demand language: Use gentle, collaborative phrasing — "Shall we explore?" "Could you show me how you'd do it?" Avoid power struggles and large lists of steps at once.
- Visual schedules and timers: Use a simple chart with pictures for the day, and a visible timer for each session.
- Sensory breaks: Build in movement breaks: 2 minutes of jumping jacks, a walk, or a sensory bin between segments.
- Positive reinforcement: Focus on praise for effort and choice, not compliance. Offer small immediate rewards that the child values.
- Environment: Provide a quiet, low-clutter workspace and a more active area for messy or hands-on tasks. Keep materials accessible in labeled bins.
- Multi-age/family options: For siblings, assign similar tasks at different levels (e.g., older child measures in meters, younger in cm). Let siblings be "experts" for certain topics to reduce demand on the 8-yr-old.

## Assessment and Progress Tracking (weekly)

- Keep a simple checklist or short video log: date, activity, what went well, what to try next.
- Use child's explanations, drawings, or short recordings as evidence of learning rather than formal

tests.

- If progress is slow or the child is resistant, scale down demands, increase autonomy (let them choose when to do activities), or spread activities over more days.

#### Resources for Further Learning (general)

- Mystery Science (free lessons and videos)
- Khan Academy Kids (math readiness and practice)
- National Geographic Kids (science topics)
- Short YouTube channels: SciShow Kids, Crash Course Kids (short, kid-friendly)
- Books: "How Things Work" for kids, simple nonfiction plant and animal books (Eric Carle, DK Eyewitness for kids simplified)

#### How to adapt this plan quickly

- If child refuses: Switch to a purely play session related to the topic (e.g., play grocery store for money, cook for measurement).
- If child hyperfocuses productively: Allow extended time and make that the main lesson.
- If attention is short: Break each mini-lesson into 3-4 micro tasks (2-5 minutes each) and intersperse movement.

#### If you'd like, I can:

- Turn any one day into a printable worksheet pack and choice board.
- Reduce the week to a 3-day plan or expand into two weeks with more projects.
- Suggest specific sensory break activities tailored to your child's preferences.