SCIENCE BACKGROUND
Matter is anything that has mass and takes up space. Different kinds of matter exist and many of them can be either solid or liquid, depending on temperature. Matter can be described and classified by its observable properties. Measurements of a variety of properties can be used to identify materials. When two or more different substances are mixed, a new substance with different properties may form. This is considered a chemical reaction, which is a change that results in one or more new substances. A physical reaction does not result in a new substance.

I CAN STATEMENT
✓ I can plan and conduct an investigation to describe and classify different kinds of materials by their observable properties.
✓ I can conduct an investigation to determine whether the mixing of two or more substances results in a new substance.

NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS CONNECTION
2 – Structure and Properties of Matter I
Patterns
5 – Structure and Properties of Matter I
Cause and Effect

FILM CANISTER ROCKET

SCIENCE SAFETY
PLEASE follow these safety precautions when doing any science experiment.

• ALWAYS have an adult present.
• ALWAYS wear the correct safety gear while doing any experiment.
• NEVER eat or drink anything while doing any experiment.
• REMEMBER experiments may require marbles, small balls, balloons, and other small parts. Those objects could become a CHOKING HAZARD. Adults are to perform those experiments using these objects. Any child can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. Keep uninflated or broken balloons away from children.

INGREDIENTS
• Film Canister
• Alka-Seltzer
• Water

INSTRUCTIONS
STEP 1: Fill the film canister half of the way with water. Describe and classify the water by its observable properties.
STEP 2: Place an Alka-Seltzer tablet into the film canister, snap on the lid, quickly flip the film canister upside down, and observe. Describe and classify the Alka-Seltzer tablet by its observable properties. Does adding water to the Alka-Seltzer tablet result in a new substance?

EXPLANATION
When the water and Alka-Seltzer mix in the film canister, a chemical reaction happens, creating carbon dioxide gas. The carbon dioxide gas fills the film canister until the lid and canister separate, forcing the film canister into the air.