

Reading and Writing Erupt!  
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### Grant Summary

My students thoroughly enjoyed utilizing the National Geographic magazines this school year as well as the Kids Discover magazines. The students loved learning about exotic animals, places, people, plants, etc. through the engaging articles and stories within the National Geographic magazines. They also enjoyed the colorful pictures, maps, diagrams, etc. in the magazines that reinforced their learning and helped them better understand what they were reading.

Likewise, my students enjoyed the Kids Discover magazines which reinforced history and science concepts they learned about this year and in previous years. Again, students enjoy the engaging articles, stories, pictures, and other text features that expand their learning and understanding of numerous topics.

I did see an improvement in my student's reading levels during the winter benchmark testing period and am anticipating more growth during the spring benchmark testing in May. Without a doubt I believe this high interest, engaging magazines benefitted my students and encouraged them to read and write more!

I will be placing the magazines in labeled containers in our school's literacy room so that all grade levels will be able to utilize them for years to come. Thank you so much for your support of my grant and my students!