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Thanks to the Teacher's Vision Grant, W. E. Parker Elementary has students who are interested in learning even more about the weather, sound and the solar system. My students discovered that as they worked through investigations and found answers to questions. Those answers led to many other questions they wanted to explore.

During the experiments, my students used simple scientific investigations to reinforce the weather and sound units. They read about weather instruments and used them to measure weather. The nonfiction texts also helped the students learn the appropriate vocabulary to the sound unit. After reading about sound and using instruments to create vibration and pitch, the students were able to get a better understanding of the topics. They began formulating questions that couldn't be answered with the materials. The nonfiction texts were great resources for them to find some of the answers to their questions and a good foundation for their research.

