Inquiry Innovators Summary Erin Martinez First Grade Johnston Elementary

The National Geographic leveled readers, which I purchased from my Inquiry Innovators grant funds, has been such a blessing this year. My students have loved reading these leveled books, using them to identify and locate specific text features, creating t-charts with their notice and wonders and so much more! These readers have allowed our students to have voice and choice in choosing a book they would like to use to show their learning. These leveled readers have been used year round between multiple classes and also been used in guided reading groups as well. I have seen such engagement when using these texts in my own classroom because the photographs and the titles are so captivating to our students.

Below are a few pictures of students using the nonfiction National Geographic leveled readers in an inquiry lesson which focus on three questions: What do I know? What did I learn? What do I still wonder?

