



Learning[®] Magazine Teachers' ChoiceSM Award for the Classroom Evaluation



Discovery Series

Complete Classroom Library

What aspects of this product did you like the most?

I thought these books were excellent. I appreciated the fact that each book was accompanied by a teacher support card containing phonics activities, questions for discussion, and opportunities to extend the lessons. The topics of the books are not only engaging but correlated to science standards as well as language arts standards since they are nonfiction. The teaching guides that came with each book were very user friendly. In addition, the books addressed topics that were of interest to the students. I like that this product covered both math and science concepts. Students love reading nonfiction texts and texts were easy to read and comprehend.

The nonfiction topics are intriguing and the photographs and illustrations are beautiful. It is by far the best series I have seen for simultaneously teaching informational text while meeting the Common Core State Standards for language arts. The teacher guides have excellent ideas for small group instruction.

How did you make use of the product, or integrate it into your lesson plans?

I used these books for small group reading instruction as well as individualized reading instruction of informational texts. The topics easily correlated with our science units on weather, plants and animals, the five senses, health, and a number of math concepts. It was inspiring to watch the children not only read but make connections to their world through this series.

I used these books with my students who needed some extra one on one support with reading during my intervention block.

I used this product during small reading group time. I would use the text to create higher order questions based on the text.

Would you recommend this product to a teacher at the appropriate grade/age level?

I would definitely recommend these books to fellow teachers. They would be an excellent addition to any classroom library. As a teacher, I have found it difficult to find quality nonfiction books at early reading levels to teach informational text. These books fit the bill in that they not only teach the children valuable skills but they are extremely teacher friendly and are accompanied by fantastic support materials.

I would recommend this product to other teachers because the topics are of high interest to the students and the literature is good quality. There are also many examples of nonfiction text features in these books.

I would definitely recommend this product to other first grade classrooms. I think the company did a great job of writing books on math and science material.

