

Science is Fun
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Thanks to the grant awarded to Pukalani Elementary School, we were able to bring exciting, inquiry based science lessons to our 100 second grade students. The standards based lessons were based on the highly successful Ocean FEST program. Our students in grades 3 – 6 have been able to participate in this program for the past two consecutive years.

I felt this program was very valuable for our younger students. With a few modifications, we were able to make the lessons developmentally appropriate for our younger students.

We administered and pre and a post test. 100% of the students showed a marked increase in their understanding of the concepts presented and the targeted vocabulary. One month later they are still making personal connections to the concepts taught through this grant. That indicates embedded learning.

November is a very exciting month at our school. All grade levels focus on science during that time period. Our culminating activity is a school wide science fair. We brought in two family science programs that month. I was so happy that I was able to coordinate that family activity for our school. Our second grade teachers actively participated that night. We used it as in-service training for our modified Ocean FEST lessons.

With the current budget limitations, we could not have offered this curriculum to our students. With the support from this grant, we were able to give 100 students the unique opportunity to participate in this very special program. We are deeply grateful for your support. Our evaluations from students and parents were very positive. We hope to be able to continue this program in the future.