

# Picture Books: A Global Connection

in all BCSC fifth grade classrooms

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**Students impacted: 900 per year | Subjects: Science and Literacy**

The need for global education is increasing, and children's literature has become an essential resource to address this need. Along with that, the need to expose children to literacy across all disciplines is an integral part to their learning, especially in an area like science where literature is not typically a focus of the curriculum. The 2024-2025 school year is a science adoption year. Fifth grade students will use Studies Weekly as a resource for the new Indiana Science Standards. These non-fiction texts reinforce the topics of study that are required for mastery, but there is also the need for rich texts to enhance the content and bring a global perspective to the science concepts taught. Brownsburg students come from a large range of cultures and backgrounds, and, for this reason, books are needed that every student will connect with and see themselves within the pages. Diversity and inclusivity is so important in the books that are read to engage and teach kids that many people have helped in the advancement of science. This BEF grant purchased engaging picture book sets for all fifth grade classrooms at each elementary school.

