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Teacher Spotlight “Barnes Elem. – Monica Thompson”

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Thompson: My strategy for using Schoolnet is to look into the test thing. I review all the questions that are available, and I’ll try to focus on the vocabulary aspect of those questions because I know that that’s what my students need.

I use the pre-test results to help me create my intervention groups. I also use the information to help me identify my high students, and those high students end up helping the low students, and the activities that we create are usually from the questions that we have reviewed from the pre-test or other questions that are in the question bank, related to the topics.

Most of the activities that we use from Schoolnet are the videos, and then we take the questions and we create our own labs with those questions. And also the students, we peer-pair and they create activities from the questions also. The best resource that I’ve found using Schoolnet is the videos. The videos bring science to life for my kids and they are really, really educational for my kids, and my kids are amazed by the videos and they really enjoy them. Also, with the videos, at the end of the videos, we do group presentations because the videos have questions that go along with them that we ask the kids to go back and review and answer the questions, and then they do presentations are groups in—within their groups. So videos are really, really good.

Schoolnet material is used to create intervention groups. We take the kids that have gotten the understanding of the lesson, they also help the ones that did

not get the lesson, and also we use Schoolnet to create our experience with it.

Say, for example, we’re studying the different types of biomes in the classroom, based on the ecosystem, and Schoolnet has given me a great idea. And the idea that I got from Schoolnet is to use the two-liter plastic bottles to create the different types of biomes, and the kids will do that activity in the classroom.

They will be assigned a different biome so that they can bring the information in and they will create their biome within the plastic bottle.

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