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Fifth graders teach kindergarten kids in real data research

If you recall, the Innovation Department brought the SharkFinder® Citizen Science program to Ector County ISD two years ago as an initial attempt to bring real world science projects into our classrooms. It has now taken on new boundaries of vertical alignment, engagement and authentic STEM/STEAM education at Noel Elementary where older students are helping younger kids learn the discovery process.

Join us at Noel Elementary, 2200 Newcomb) from 8:10-10:10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7, as Noel's Paleontology Team will search 89 million years old, unexplored fossil marine sediment, in partnership with PICK Education, and Southern Methodist University's principal investigator, Shawn Hamm. Students will use digital interactive platforms such as Flipgrid to share video data with Hamm, who will share his expertise in paleo-marine environments within Texas and surrounding states.

SharkFinder® is one of PICK Education's projects brought by the ECISD Innovation Department and has been recognized by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Nature, Science, Scientific American and Voice of America.

Attached are a few images of the 5th graders working with kindergarten students previously.

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