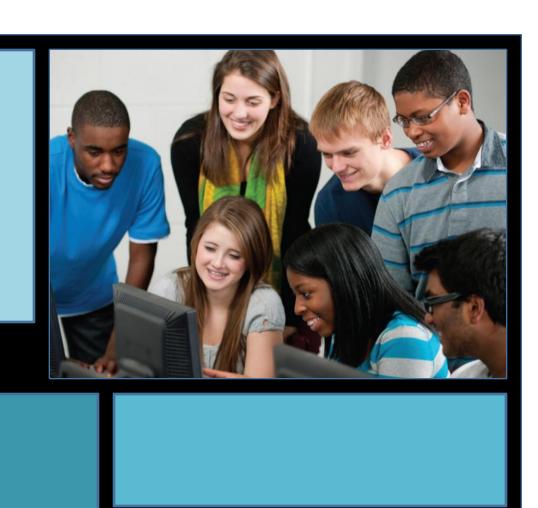
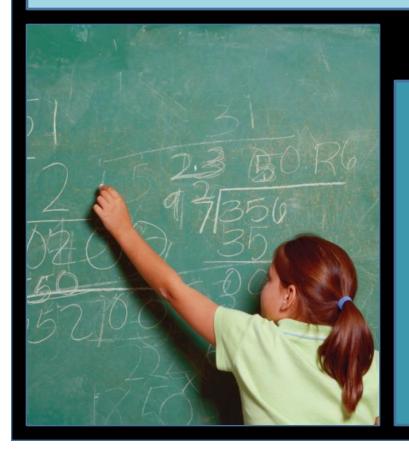
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# Online Inquiry Learning Promoting Integrated Understanding

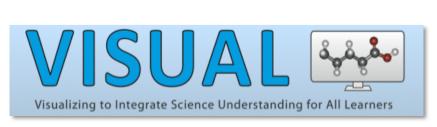
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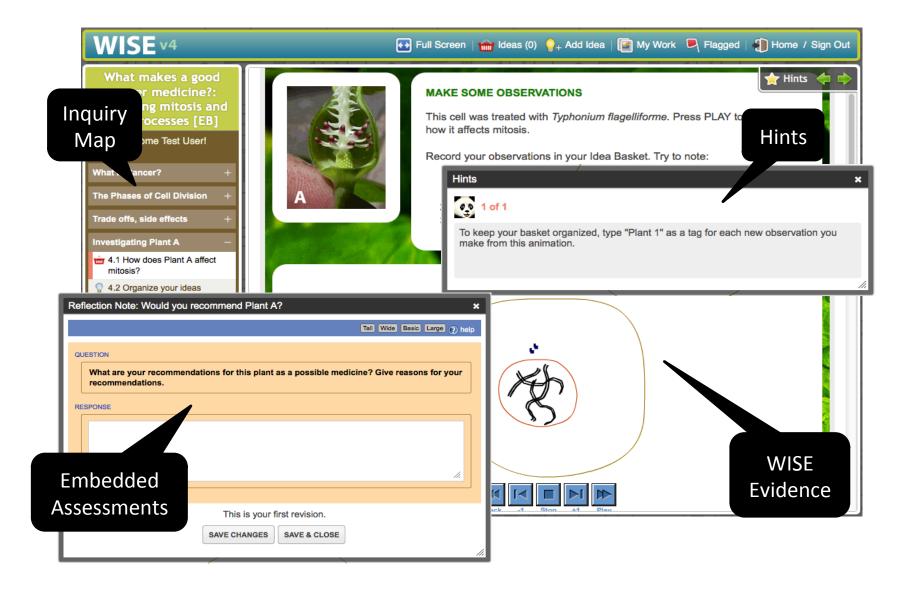




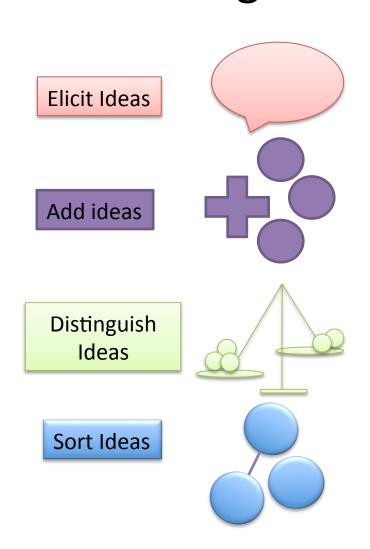


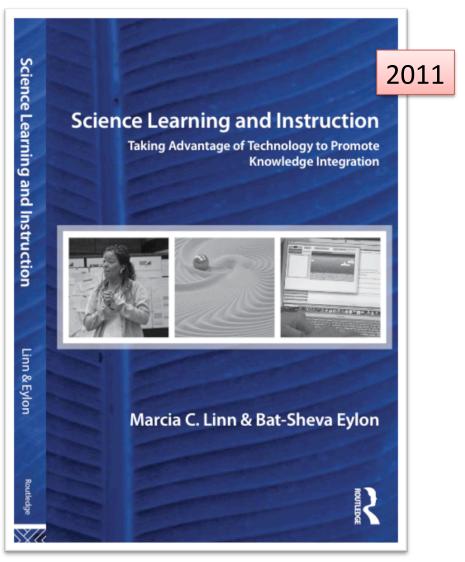


### Web-based Inquiry Science Environment



# WISE Units Follow Knowledge Integration Framework

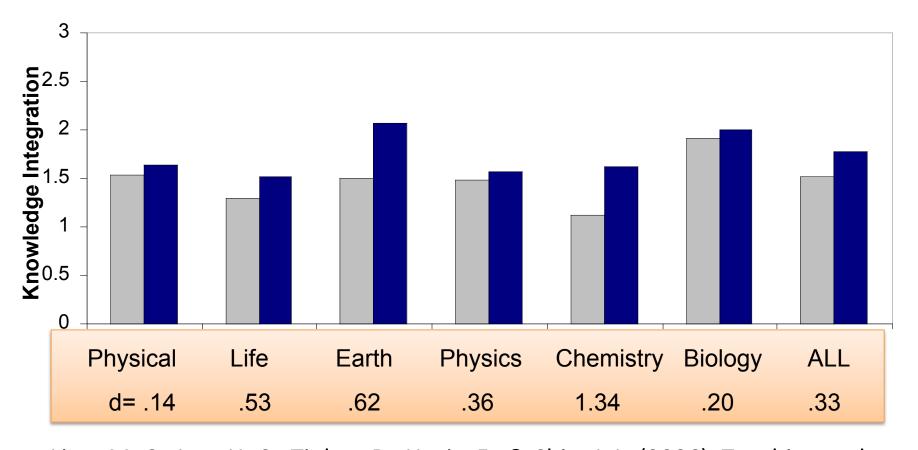




## WISE Versus Typical Cohort

100s of teachers and 1000s of students benefit from WISE Inquiry Units





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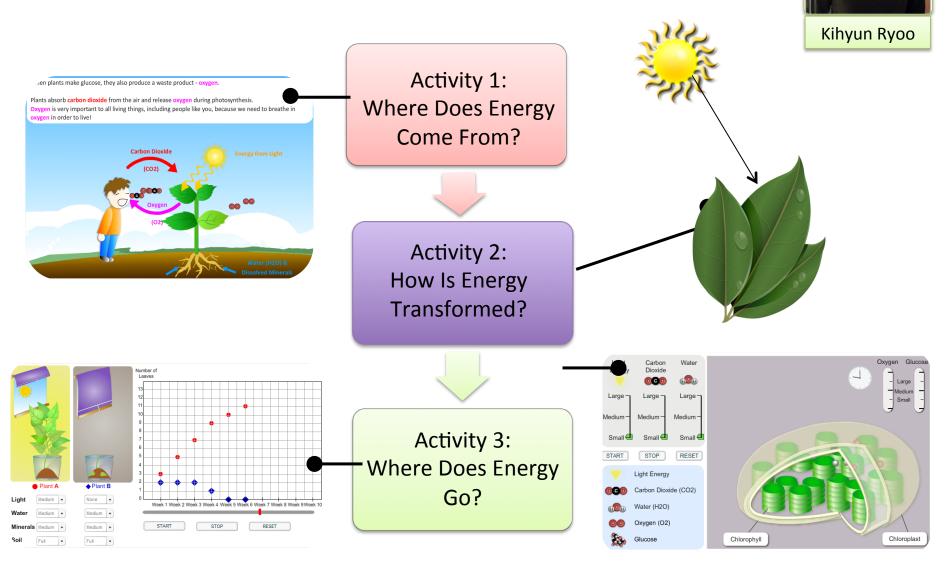
# Standardized Assessments Fail to Measure Integrated Understanding

- What is the main function of chloroplasts in a plant cell?
  - A. absorb light energy and manufacture food
  - B. remove waste from the cell
  - C. manufacture chemical energy from food
  - D. control the shape of the cell

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1d Students know that mitochondria liberate energy for the work that cells do and that chloroplasts capture sunlight energy for photosynthesis.

# WISE Units Use Inquiry to Promote Knowledge Integration: Photosynthesis



# Energy Stories and Concept Maps Measure Knowledge Integration

Write a story about how the rabbit gets and uses energy from the sun.

- Where does energy come from?
- How does energy move?
- Where does energy go?
- How does energy transform/change?

Energy Energy Energy Source Transformation Storage Transfer

Chloroplast Glucose Plant Rabbit

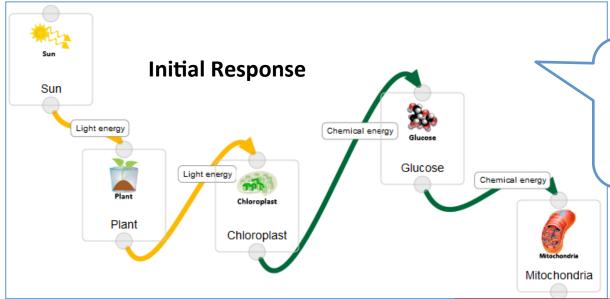
### **Energy Stories**

Sophisticated Response

The energy comes from carbon dioxide water and light energy. The light energy breaks apart the carbon dioxide and the water molecules to form glucose and oxygen. That means it changes to chemical energy from light energy. The glucose is what makes the plant grow and live. When the rabbit eats the plant it is eating the nutrients that the sun helped the plant make.

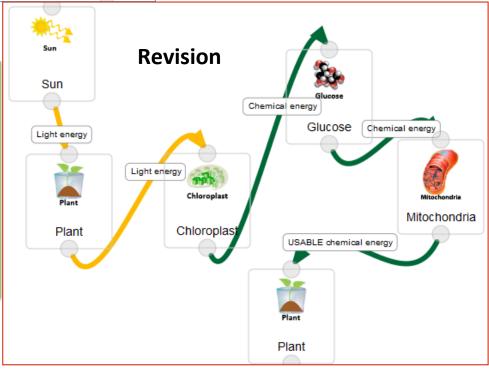
# Typical Student Progress When Studying WISE Photosynthesis

Pretest	The rabbit eats plants. Those plants got energy from the sun. The solar rays hit the chloroplasts, which converted it into glucose so that the plant could grow.
Photosyn- thesis Posttest	The energy comes originally from the sun. It comes to earth in the form of light energy. This energy is absorbed by the chloroplasts in the plant's leaves. Inside of these chloroplasts, the light energy combines with water and carbon dioxide from the roots and breaks them apart, in the meantime transforming into chemical energy. The atoms that previously made up carbon dioxide and water rearrange into glucose and oxygen. The chemical energy enters the glucose, and when the rabbit eats the plant, the glucose containing chemical energy is what the rabbit gets and uses.
Cell Respiration posttest	The energy originally comes from the sun, in the form of light energy. While it is in the chloroplasts, it breaks up CO2 and H2O molecules, and in the meantime converts into chemical energy. When glucose forms from the CO2 and H2O's atoms, the chemical energy then enters the glucose. In the mitochondria, the glucose molecules are broken up and this chemical energy is released to be used by the plant or stored. When the rabbit eats the plant, it is harvesting the chemical energy that has already been released, as well as the energy that is still in the glucose, all of which it can use to function and live.



Good progress! Now review the visualization in **Step 3.9** to find out what mitochondria do during cellular respiration and improve your diagram.

My System Diagram and Knowledge Integration Guidance



Elicit Ideas Add ideas Distinguish Ideas Sort Ideas

### Research Can Improve Inquiry Units

Are Dynamic Better than Static Visualizations of Photosynthesis?



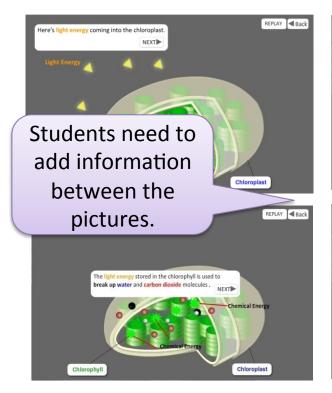


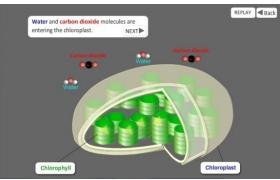
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#### **Static Pictures**

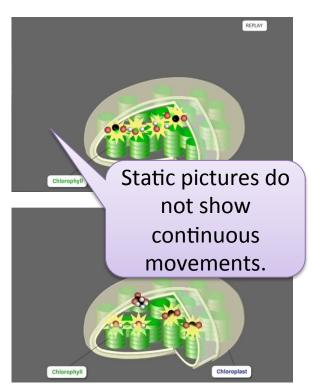


- Static Pictures Highlight Essential Information
- Static Pictures Draw on Skill in Using Text



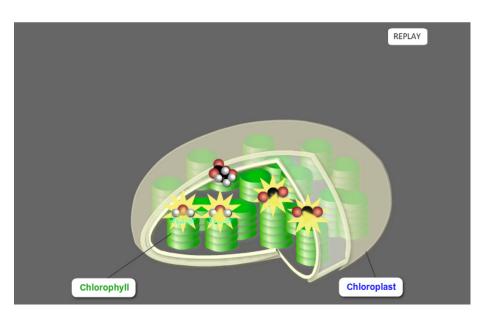






#### Both Visualizations Add New Ideas

 Both static and dynamic visualizations can add new ideas to students' repertoire of ideas.

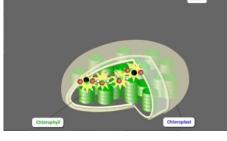








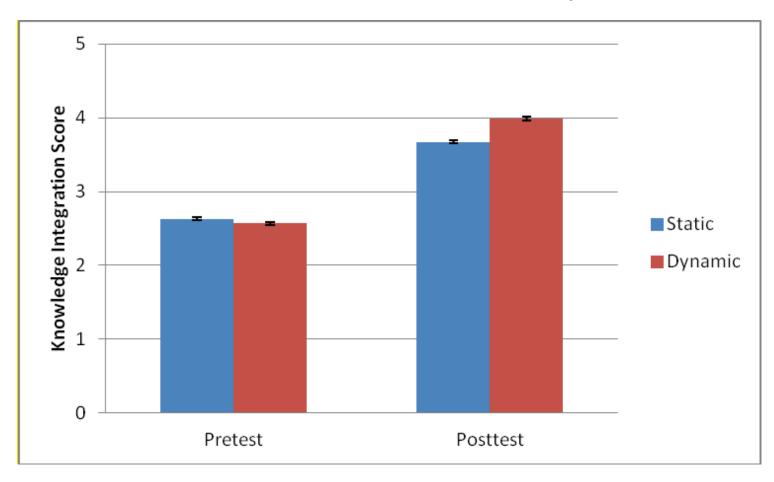




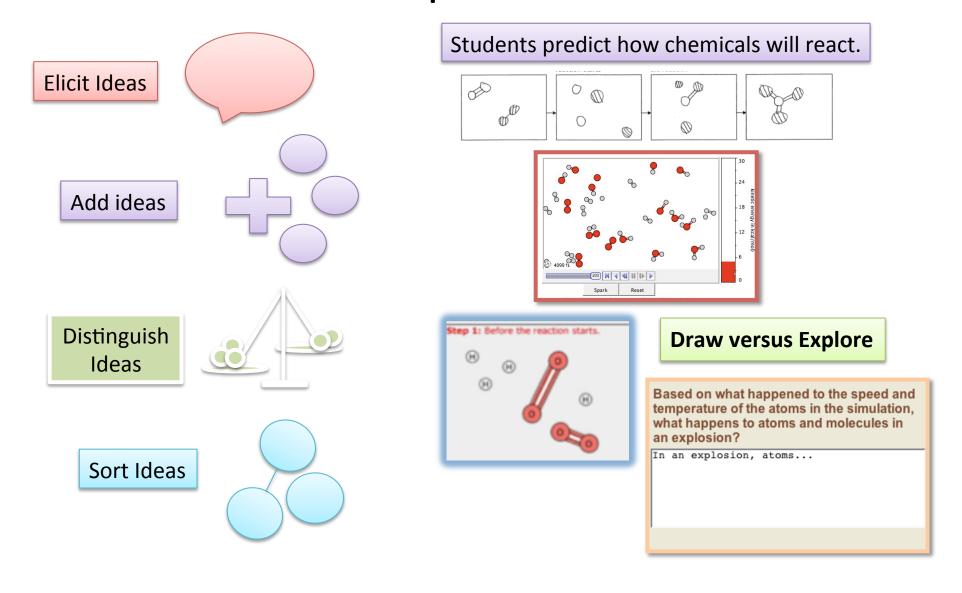


#### Pre-Posttest Performance

 Significant advantage of dynamic visualization: F(1,148) = 10.30, p <.01</li>



## More Research on Inquiry Guidance Draw versus Explore Visualization



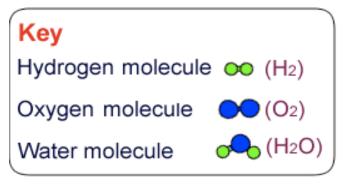
## Molecular Visualization Should Students Draw or Explore?

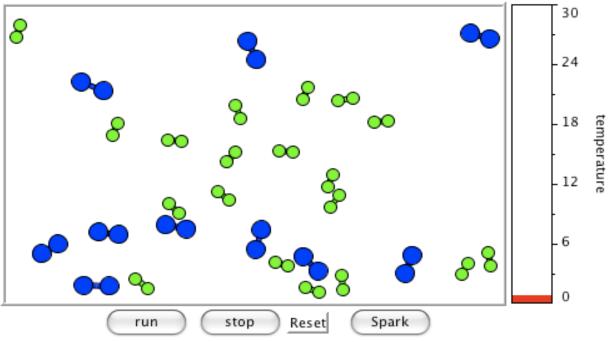


$$2H_2 + O_2 \Rightarrow 2H_2O$$

#### Instructions:

- 1. Run the model.
- Then press the spark button to initiate the reaction.





Molecular Workbench developed by the Concord Consortium



### Virtual Experiment

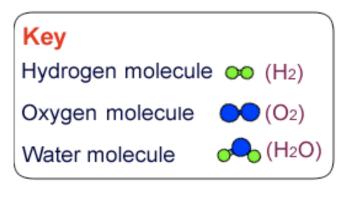
#### Without the spark there is no combustion

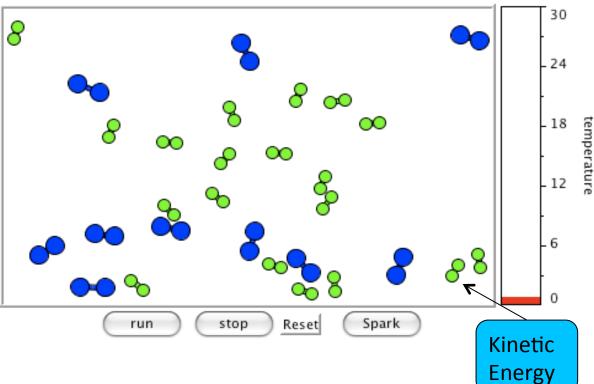


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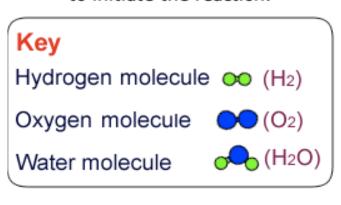
With the spark there is combustion. What differences do you observe?

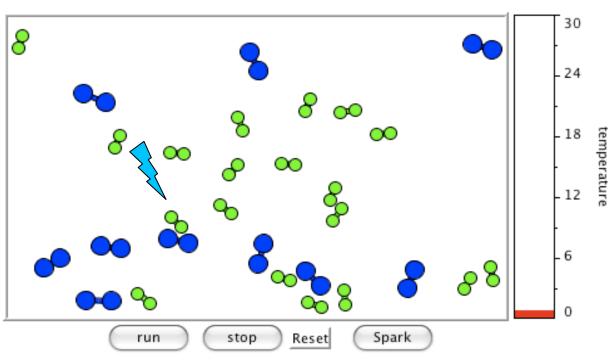


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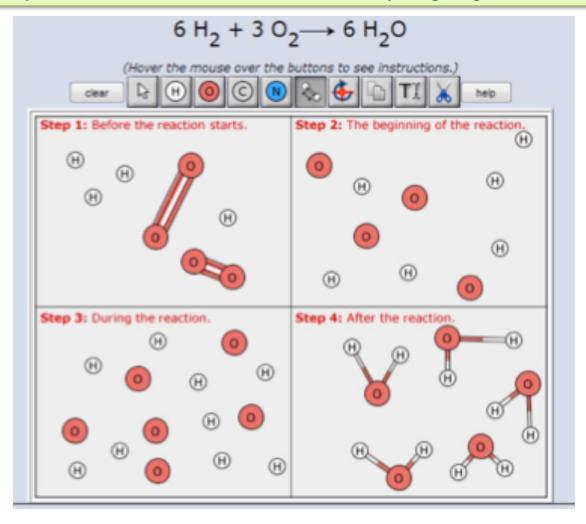
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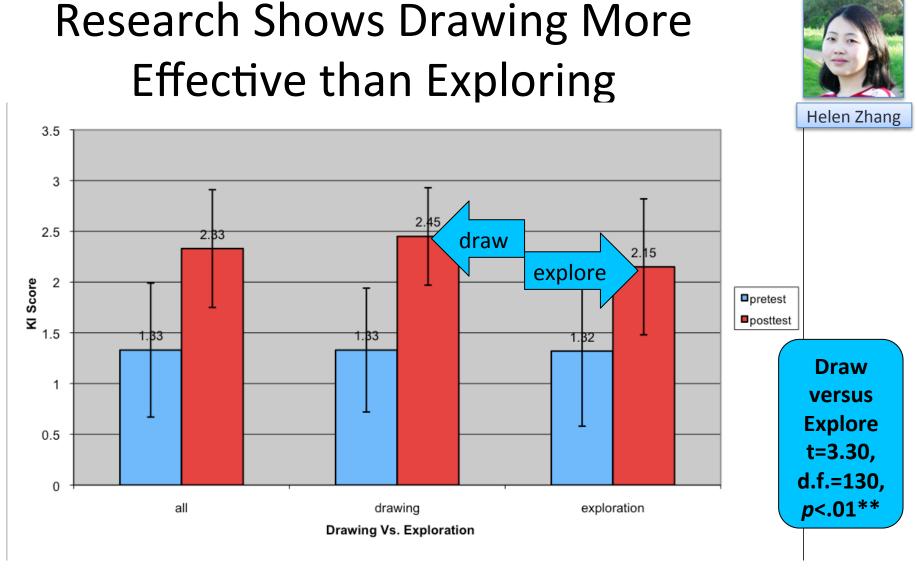


# Students Explore the Visualization or Draw their Ideas using WISE Draw

Draw four pictures to show combustion of SIX hydrogen gas molecules



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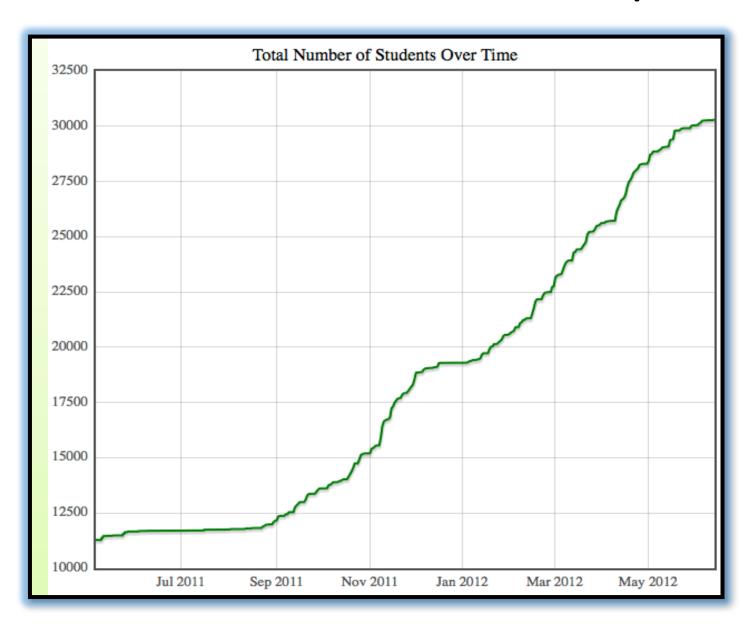
#### **Conclusions**

- Inquiry Instruction Promotes Integrated Understanding
- Current Standardized Assessments Send the Wrong Message! Encourage Memorizing not Reasoning!
- Design of Inquiry Instruction Benefits from Research
  - Knowledge Integration Pattern Effective
  - Dynamic Adds Value to Static Pictures
  - Drawing Adds Value to Exploring a Visualization
- WISE Offers Free, Classroom Tested Inquiry Units
  - Enable Teachers to Diagnose Student Difficulties and Tutor Individuals or Small Groups

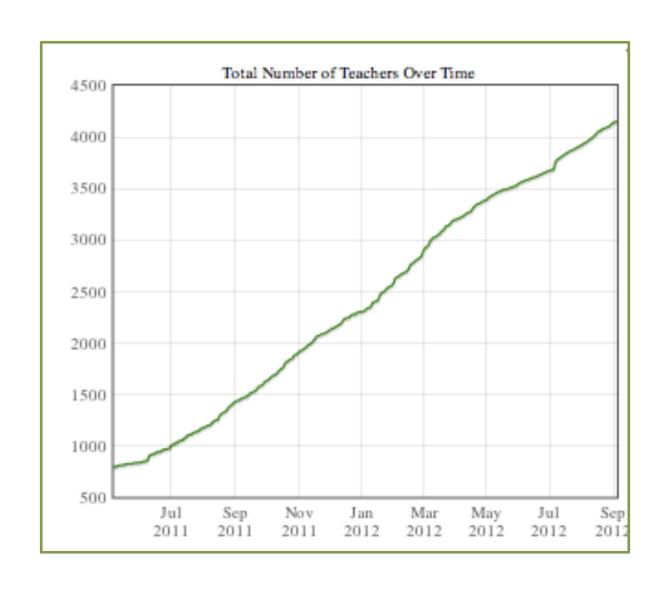
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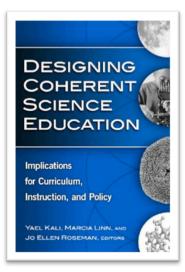


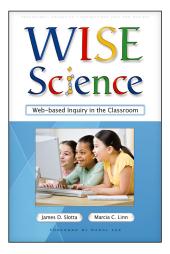
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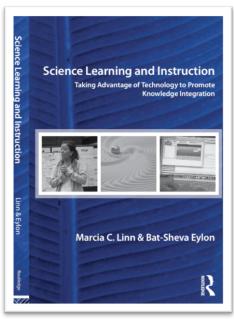


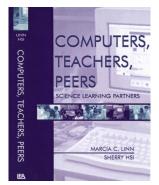
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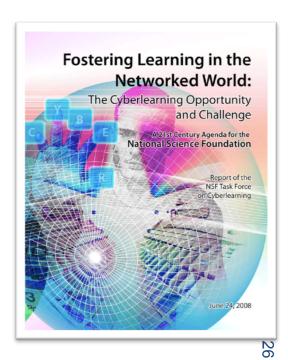












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