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Program provides students with hands-on science lessons

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Theresa Eymann's fifth-grade class, winner of the Energy Game Show Challenge, is shown.
Photo by Gary Handzel

More than 120 Zephyr Cove Elementary students participated in Get in the Act's Science Action Theater between January and March.

The program combines theater techniques with guided inquiry to engage students in lessons that investigate science concepts through investigative improvisations. Students explored concepts such as "Energy: Light and Sound" and "Weather on the Move."

"The program is fabulous," fifth-grade teacher Theresa Eymann said in a press release. "Get in the Act enhances classroom curriculum and students develop critical-thinking skills that connect with their world."

In addition, Get in the Act participated in the Nevada STEM Coalition held at Las Vegas March 8-10.

Get in the Act is in the forefront of using interdisciplinary arts techniques that enhance science learning; consequently, students gain access to problem-solving and teamwork skills that produce a STEM-capable workforce ready to compete in our global society.

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