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A photograph of a student with glasses using a tablet. The tablet screen displays the BeeReaders app interface, which includes a sidebar menu with options like "Biblioteca", "Desafíos", and "Tienda". The main content area shows a featured book "La piedra del fin del mundo" with a description and a "Comenzar la lectura" button. Other sections include "Desafíos", "Tus lecturas pendientes", and "Tienda".

# Successful Pilots Show BeeReaders Español Accelerates Reading Comprehension for Spanish Emergent Bilingual Students!

In partnership with LeanLab Education and dual language educators in two public school districts, *BeeReaders Español*, a Spanish digital library and reading comprehension program for grades 2-12, was piloted in Fall 2021 with close to 200 students and 10 teachers in the following districts:

KANSAS CITY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



**Teachers expressed a need and desire for a tool that would improve Spanish reading comprehension while simultaneously offering access to a wider variety of Spanish texts, for all levels of students.**

**BeeReaders Español consistently met this need in the pilots!**

***Teachers Loved BeeReaders Español! View one teacher's testimonial [HERE](#)***

The pilot teachers loved that BeeReaders provides *access to a wide variety of authentic, culturally relevant Spanish texts* and exposes students to *new vocabulary* from a range of Spanish-speaking countries.

- “Cultural exposure is a huge added value. Since we are located in the US, it is so helpful to have authentically written texts that are not the poorly translated texts the students are used to. It is a great way to expose students to different dialects and vocabulary.”
- “One student recognized a story – seeing himself represented in the literature. I think a lot of students felt that way – feeling represented.”
- “There were lots of folk stories, so it was a great exposure to cultures.”
- “Our Hispanic readers can read about Hispanic cultures. I really see it as an asset in my class.”
- “The text library is a huge value – having actual authentic texts for students to read rather than poorly translated (English to Spanish) texts that don’t make any sense.”

Teachers appreciated that the *comprehension questions were distributed throughout the reading selection* and as students read, instead of only at the end of the reading. This feature *helped students focus and become more self-directed* and responsible learners, as well as being a *time-saving tool for teachers*.

- “A lot of the students who struggle with comprehension struggle to retain information about books when questions are at the end, so the questions appearing on each page were helpful in terms of their retention and comprehension building.”
- “It kept their focus, I liked it. They knew they had to stay on task and that they were going to be tested.”
- “I appreciated this, because even with my own class I would make them stop reading after each page and summarize what they had just read (with physical books).”

Teachers reported that BeeReaders is ideal for *independent work* and *during free reading time*, as students are able to explore the library, complete challenges, and buy items in the store on their own.

BeeReaders *worked well with students* of all levels, including advanced readers – providing them with new texts that are meaningful, motivating, and challenging.

- “The best was when the students were able to make their own choices—going through the library or exploring the challenges.”
- “The kids loved the challenges where they could get points— it was their favorite part of the BeeReaders system.”
- “I was initially planning to only continue to use (the program) for my higher level readers as a source for texts, but now that I know that my students love the challenges, I intend to use it as an option for all students.”

Teachers found the BeeReaders Español narrator feature extremely useful for helping students comprehend the content, especially at the lower grades. They reported that their students appreciated the narrator feature, especially lower level readers.

“Consideraron el *narrador* como útil e importante, especialmente para los lectores de grados menores.”

Teachers loved the BeeReaders’ digital Diagnostic and Formative Assessment and data reports, including the Quick Stats data report, to inform instruction, monitor student progress, and determine the level of engagement of students with *BeeReaders Español* at any time.

- “A todos los docentes les gustó la sección de quick stats, especialmente el porcentaje de usuarios activos.”
- Ability to integrate with Clever was appreciated, to facilitate rostering, single sign on, and seamless integration.
- “I was able to identify from the diagnostic assessment that I had misplaced a couple of students regarding their level. I moved them and they’re doing much better. I moved one up and one down a group.”

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## ***And Students Loved BeeReaders Español, Too!***

- All the students mentioned that they loved the challenge of the Desafíos – short texts with comprehension questions on a wide range of topics.
- They liked collecting Beecoins and spending them at the BeeReaders’ store, where they liked finding new books to buy.
- Searching for books that were of interest to them was fun and they all said they liked having many new books to choose from.
- The process of reading and answering questions throughout the book was new and they enjoyed that.

- All students used and liked the Narration function.
  - "It helps me focus and hear and learn new words."
  - "I prefer to listen to the story."
- All students want to keep using BeeReaders. They liked the new stories and were motivated by the avatars, the Beecoins, and the Desafíos.
  - "I am learning words I didn't know before."
  - "I like the experience of reading on screen."
  - "It is hard for me to focus on one book so I like that there are other things for me to do in BeeReaders."

**If BeeReaders Español is a successful tool for these schools, it can work for yours, too!**

**Used successfully in 10 countries across Latin America with 200,000 students and counting, BeeReaders Español is now available for your students, too!**



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