Catch the Sun introduces elementary students to solar energy. Using Catch the Sun, teachers can easily incorporate renewable energy into their lessons. Through the eyes of Nels, Catch the Sun provides both information on the science of solar energy and practical application of solar project construction. Catch the Sun encourages students to look at the world with an engineering eye. It is a vehicle for spreading a positive message about clean energy as well as about opportunities afforded to society because of the renewable energy industry.

Discover Renewables

We recognize our ability to build a better future for our children by passing on our own experience. That’s why in 2008, with the help of educators, Mortenson Construction’s Renewable Energy Groups created the Discover Renewables series and authored its first children’s book - award-winning Catch the Wind. Catch the Wind explores wind energy and wind farm construction by introducing students to Nels, an inquisitive boy whose father works in renewable energy construction. Today students can continue to learn with Nels on his next adventure. Mortenson is pleased to expand our Discover Renewables series with the release of our newest book Catch the Sun. Through our Discover Renewables children’s book series, Mortenson Construction is encouraging corporate social responsibility, serving future generations, and the importance of giving back.

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