

Mathseeds in Action

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Why did you get a Mathseeds subscription for your school? We were using another program, which was great for the higher kids, but not for the first graders who were struggling. Mathseeds looked more engaging and was similar to Reading Eggs, which we were already using. After trying it out, we thought it was a perfect fit. We were thrilled that it was also cheaper than the other program.

How do you use Mathseeds? I have my class divided up into two academic groups during math. As I teach one group of students, the others are on computers and iPads using Mathseeds. I feel that this way I am able to give more attention to the smaller groups as I teach and they are benefiting from using Mathseeds each day.

How has Mathseeds benefited your class? My first grade students are able to work at their own academic level. Some of them are working on the basics they missed out on and others are being challenged with more difficult work.

What features do you like within Mathseeds? I like the simplicity of use. I set my kids up at the beginning of the year. They take a placement test and move up maps at their own pace. I check their levels each Friday and give awards when they have completed a map (five lessons).

What was your students' reaction to Mathseeds? My students love it. They are always anxious to use the program, earn acorns, and enhance their skills. Many ask for the passwords to use at home and choose to use it during indoor recess.

What do your students like about Mathseeds? Some of the answers I received from my students include: *"I like Mathseeds because it makes me happy and also give me lots of books."*; *"I like how it makes me smarter so I can be better at Mathseeds."*; *"I like Mathseeds because you can play all different kinds of math games."*; *"I like Mathseeds because it helps me learn more."*

