

Teacher #17 (5th Grade) (low performing kids)

Having used Woot Math, what are your feelings about it?

The kids really enjoyed using it, and I had no problems getting them to do it. They were also able to work independently on it, and very few had questions.

This group of students really struggled in their first 3 years at this school. They asked me to teach this grade to see if I could help stop the bleeding. I've had them for two years now, and I've really struggled with them. It has taken me almost 2 years to get them to ask any questions at all. I've tried every way to teach fractions. I think in general the class is split: 1/3 have attitude issues, 1/3 don't get it, and 1/3 are on the cusp of understanding. This isn't specific to Woot Math, just the realities of this class. I really struggled with them (more than I ever have before).

When using Woot Math, they enjoyed it, and they stayed engaged throughout the program. They are way more engaged in general on the computer. With Woot, I'm not sure they were deeply thinking sometimes. I'd have liked to follow along more closely and regularly on the dashboard. I also used IXL for fractions and decimals, and they liked that too.

I am really looking forward to using it next year.

What were your feelings about it prior to using it?

I didn't know anything about it, but I missed the training.

Having used Woot Math, what are your students feelings about it?

They loved it. The one exception is one boy who has behavior issues. For the most part the students just used it without any problems. I just let them go, and didn't have any problems.

What were their feelings about it when they started?

They were excited to get started.

How helpful do you think it was for your students?

I'd have to go through the data more carefully, but I was more hopeful for better progress.

Did you notice any changes in your students attitudes about the material or their self confidence during the program?

They were happy to do Woot Math, and that's a change. They never want to do math.

How engaged were they by Woot Math?

See above

What aspects did your students like best?

They liked the interactiveness of the program, that they could see the problems and then work through them. They also liked that they could go back and get more stars.

What aspects did your students like least?

When they got frustrated. If they didn't finish a lesson they'd have to go back and start over. Or when it froze on them, although that didn't happen much at all.

What aspects did you like best?

I liked that it was self-directed and they could work through at their own pace. My impression is that the next version will cover more topics as well, and I'm looking forward to using that next year.

What aspects did you like least?

I'd like to see a better way of viewing the results. Rather than viewing students one-by-one in such great detail, I'd like to see a more succinct list view.