

Teacher #1 (6th Grade)

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My feelings reflect the feelings of my students: they love Woot Math. It is hands-on, deeply engaging and appropriate for what they need academically.

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My students use multiple online programs - Compass Odyssey, iReady, IXL, etc - and by far, they like Woot Math best.

iReady covers all the standards for 6th grade, but it just talks way too much when my students want to get to problems and actually do something. It was a big contrast. Woot Math kept them engaged and wanting to work - and having them actually do problems.

How helpful do you think it was for your students?

I wished I had had it at the beginning of the year. Fractions are what they struggle with most. They either get it or they don't. I think the modeling in Woot Math really helped students more deeply understand fractions.

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

Fractions are always a struggle and just the fact that they are so fully engaged while hands-on working with fractions and solving fraction problems was incredible. I think the understanding and increased confidence actually made some students start to enjoy math more.

How engaged were they by Woot Math?

On a 10 point scale, I would say a 9. When I would say we're working on Woot Math today, I would get big smiles from all my students.

What aspects did your students like best?

I think the modeling. Most teachers approach fractions procedurally. But the way Woot Math uses models gives students a deeper understanding.

What aspects did your students like least?

Some of my students encountered software bugs which I shared with Woot Math and that was frustrating for them. There were also some problems with language. Like I remember a questions which asked what fraction of letters were consonants, but my students didn't know what a consonant was.

What aspects did you like best?

Absolutely the modeling and hands-on approach.

I also like that there was no time wasted, and that the students were always engaged.

This is a group of kids that if they were unhappy, would definitely let me know. And I just consistently got big smiles when they were working on Woot Math.

The Teacher Dashboard was really helpful and informative.

What aspects did you like least?

The Teacher Dashboard was limited that it wouldn't link to specific standards, and I need to be able to assign specific concepts to groups of students. For example, next year one of my classes has 4 different learning levels. I might want one to work on ordering, one to work on number line, one to work on multiplication and one to work on division.