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DESTINATION MATH® AND DESTINATION READING® HELPS INTEGRATE TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM

The Situation

Improving student reading and math skills has always been a high priority for Florida schools. With more than 69% of schools failing to make Annual Yearly Progress goals in 2003-2004, the emphasis on student performance has never been greater.

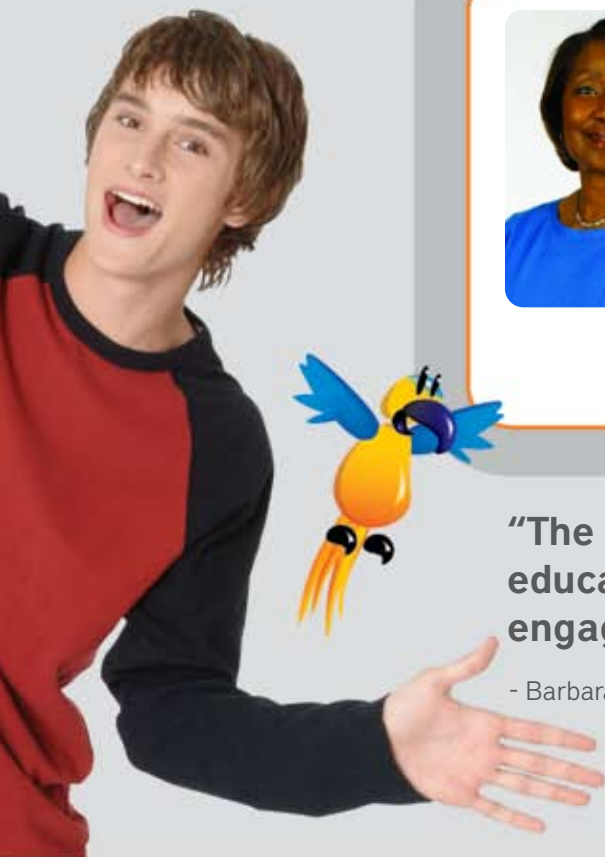
Barbara Maxwell, Technology Coordinator at Jack D. Gordon Elementary School, has addressed this challenge by integrating technology with regular class-room reading and math instruction. "The biggest challenge is finding software that is both educational and fun for the students –something that engages them while teaching valuable skills," according to Maxwell. In order to provide an integrated program, Maxwell says, "First, I consult with the teachers to see what skills they plan to teach. Then I review the unit's scope and sequence and select particular lessons that match those skills. I assist the teachers by actually programming the

skills with the lessons so when students come to the lab, their lesson program is ready to go." *Destination* provided the implementation training that helped Maxwell create this design for program delivery."

Destination Reading "is a program that can be used from an almost non-reader to an emergent reader to a reader who's very skilled at reading," says Maxwell. "It covers all of the basics that a child needs to become a very fluent reader. It does a thorough job of teaching reading skills." As for the students, "They just love it because it's so colorful and they like the characters in it. "Destination Math is also used in the computer lab. "I like the math very much because it's extremely detailed. It actually shows you how to solve the problem. It not only shows you the answer, but it also explains the answer. It really is a thorough, well-planned presentation of math skills and I like that alot."



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Customer Profile

Jack D. Gordon Elementary School, Miami-Dade County School District, FL
1095 Students
7% African-American
70% Hispanic
4% Asian/Multiracial
12.8% Special needs
43% Free or reduced lunch

Products and Services

Destination Math
Destination Reading
Professional Development

Key Benefits

After using *Destination Math* and *Destination Reading*, 77% of reading students performed at or above grade level and 74% of math students performed at or above grade level

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Project Goals

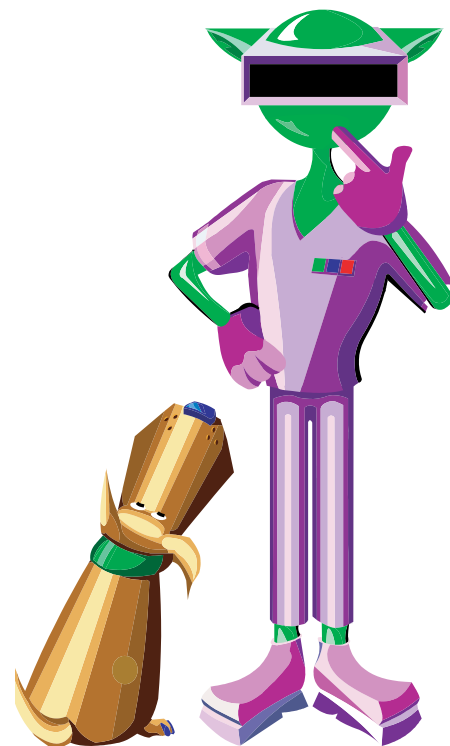
1. Integrate technology in the classroom to improve math and reading achievement for all students.

Solution

Destination Math was purchased by the school district and was introduced to Gordon Elementary by Maxwell. At that time, they made a change in their technology integration software. According to Maxwell, “We wanted something that would benefit the students and help them reinforce and enhance their reading and math skills.”

The Results

As a result of using *Destination*, last year, Gordon Elementary had 77% of students reading at or above grade level and 74% of students at or above grade level in math.



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