

Students Nationwide Improve Math Skills With Everyday Mathematics' Online Games

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CHICAGO, Oct 29, 2008 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- Everyday Mathematics(R) demonstrates that learning can be fun with the popularity of the research-based program's Online EMGames. Students across the country have accessed the online games at school, in the library, and at home for added mathematics skill and concept practice.

The Albuquerque Public Schools and Virginia Beach Public Schools are both getting positive feedback from students using the EMGames. Educators at Albuquerque Public Schools say students benefit greatly from the online games. "Students just love the EMGames," said Stephanie Homan, the technology coordinator at the district. "More importantly, the EMGames provide me with tools to diagnose the needs and skill level of each student."

Virginia Beach Public Schools is a long-time user of Everyday Mathematics. Denise Williams, a Grade 2 teacher in the district, said, "The differentiation capability in the games is great for parents because if something isn't challenging enough for their children, they can raise the skill level."

"More and more students love to be engaged in challenging activities online," said Dan Caton, president of Wright Group. "The Everyday Math Online EMGames stretch students' mathematical thinking and prepare them for an increasingly complex mathematical world."

Support for Games in the Classroom

Games are essential to the pedagogy of Everyday Mathematics. Students need frequent practice to master a skill, yet drills become monotonous and less effective over time. Games, however, relieve the tedium of rote repetition, reduce the need for worksheets, and, because most numbers are generated randomly, offer an almost unlimited source of mathematical problem material. Everyday Math games reinforce concepts in a valuable and enjoyable way. They are designed to help children practice their basic facts and computation skills and develop increasingly sophisticated problem-solving strategies.

"Many people make a sharp distinction between work and play. They tend to 'allow' play only during prescribed times. However, students naturally carry their playfulness into all their activities. This is why Everyday Math sees playing games as an enjoyable way to practice number skills and concepts," explained Andy Isaacs, D.A., co-author of Everyday Mathematics and co-director of the University of Chicago's Center for Elementary Mathematics and Science Education.

Everyday Mathematics Online EMGames are animated, interactive, electronic versions of the board games created by the author team. Students play the games independently against the computer, and receive accurate feedback on their understanding of mathematical concepts. The online versions give students unlimited access to the EMGames from home and school, and detailed, real-time reports let teachers and parents monitor student success at each game.

The Online EMGames are part of the Everyday Mathematics eSuite of resources for students and teachers. For demonstrations of some EMGames, visit: <http://media.emgames.com/emgames/demosite/demolevel1.html>

About Everyday Mathematics

With more than 20 years of history, Wright Group/McGraw-Hill's Everyday Mathematics for Grades Pre-K-6 helps students measure up to the demand for greater mathematical competence and problem-solving ability. Everyday Mathematics has been, and continues to be, developed by the University of Chicago School Mathematics Project. The research-based curriculum is used in nearly 185,000 classrooms across the United States by more than 3 million children. Along with the Online EMGames, the Everyday Mathematics eSuite includes an online lesson planner with digital access to all teacher materials, interactive online student reference manuals, an assessment management system to monitor student progress, and family letters in nine languages to support the home-school connection.

Visit EverydayMathSuccess.com to read about the program's efficacy and to see videos of the program in use in the classroom and visit WrightGroup.com/parent_connection/index.html for parent resources.

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Wright Group/McGraw-Hill publishes innovative core and supplemental literacy and mathematics programs for differentiated instruction and teacher training in Grades Pre-K-8. The research-based approach of Everyday Mathematics, anchored in real-world applications, is based on the assessed needs of students, combining developmentally appropriate materials with explicit outcomes.

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