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Tiffany O'Hara, Principal

I've included a few comments from our teachers. Enjoy!

I have used StarrMatica mostly for math. I use it to introduce a skill, or review a skill--such as rounding or estimating. It is also a good way to practice, instead of using worksheets. We have done this together as a group on the projector or individually in the computer lab. I also have had kids comment about using the website at home for extra practice. I have used it for literacy some too. It was especially helpful when we were reviewing story elements and fiction/nonfiction genres.

Mrs. Liz Fye, Third Grade Teacher, Terrace Elementary

I had several parents comment on their students using StarrMatica at home to aid in math practice. The parents were pleased that we have such a resource that is educational and student navigated.

I've used StarrMatica as a teaching tool, a way to reinforce my teaching, and as a review. Students enjoy the games and practice activities. I like the variety of concepts and the easy, direct correlation between our standards/benchmarks and my teaching.

Mrs. Heather Staebell, Third Grade Teacher, Terrace Elementary

I use it for basic math fact review. Students take the benchmark test and then print it off for me so I can see which facts they are having trouble with. This is one way of assessing students on their facts.

I also use StarrMatica when introducing a new unit. Students go through the introduction steps and learn the process both from me and the computer program. This helps to ensure they understand the process of the new skill we're learning about. They use the practice activities and games to build on what they know.

We have done activities with division facts though and that seems to have really helped. StarrMatica is a wonderful program and my kids have really benefited mathematically from using it at school and at home.

Mrs. Audra Doak, Fourth Grade Teacher, Terrace Elementary

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