

Educator comments about STORYWORLD (Following in-class research)

<u>Overall user experience:</u> "It's very user friendly... and it's very intuitive. Once you click on something it kind of helps you know what to do next. It's not very complicated, which says a lot about STORYWORLD. It's not like we had any manual on how to use it. So, I just basically logged on and was able to play around, and I didn't have any issues."

<u>Re: Student engagement:</u> "They absolutely loved it [STORYWORLD]. I asked them every single day 'Did you like it?' They were like, 'Yes, we love the stories, we like playing the games at the end.'"

<u>Re: Instructional value:</u> "I think [STORYWORLD] will really help me as a teacher. It will help me plan my instruction and drive instruction in terms of how I instruct kids in terms of what their individual needs are."

Re: Language scaffolding features (with Chinese-speaking students): "They [students] loved that they had something that they actually could understand. Which is why they kept switching out of reading it in English to reading it in to reading it in Chinese. Because they finally felt like 'Oh, look, this is something I can do. I recognize it. I'm not as overwhelmed.'"

Re: Bilingual content: "Personally, I see there is a real need in our schools for children to learn another language. I think that [STORYWORLD] is an excellent opportunity for the kids to learn another language."

Re: Plans to use the product (with teacher dashboard): "I'll probably use it at least three or four times a week, because you're always checking to see how kids are doing in terms of their progress. So that if they're not making any progress you can go back and re-teach something and help them with a concept that they're having issues with.