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MobyMax Success Stories

Rural Oregon school deploys MobyMax to 'fill the holes' in students' math and reading skills

Sweet Home, Oregon is a town of about 9,000 people near the Cascade Mountains in the western part of the state. Like many rural schools, Sweet Home's Oak Heights Elementary School faces significant challenges. All of its nearly 300 K-6 students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches, and many struggle when it comes to reading and math.

> ❝ **MobyMax is invaluable because it finds the holes in my students' academic experience and fills them, contributing to a rock-solid foundation.** ❞
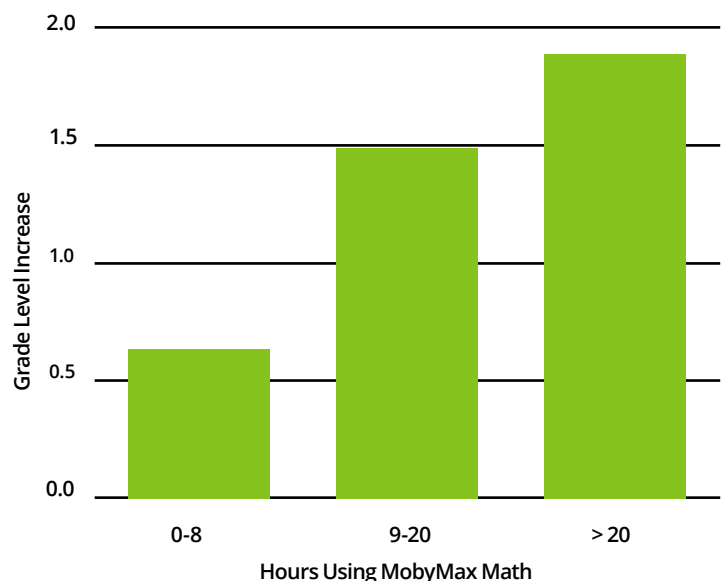
Tim Swanson, second-grade teacher and technology coach

"We feel a lot of pressure to bring kids up to grade level by the end of the second grade," says Tim Swanson, a second-grade teacher who is also the school's technology coach, "because if we don't,

statistics show they are likely to spend their entire school career below grade level." Enter MobyMax. In need of effective, inspiring and affordable tools, Tim Swanson began using a Response to Intervention (RTI) program that relied heavily on MobyMax to support students who needed extra help.

Students performing at or below the 40th percentile in reading or math received targeted intervention that helped them increase 1.58 grade levels after an average of 26 hours using MobyMax.

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How did Oak Heights Elementary use MobyMax?

Tim Swanson, second-grade teacher and technology coach, with MobyMax in his second grade class.
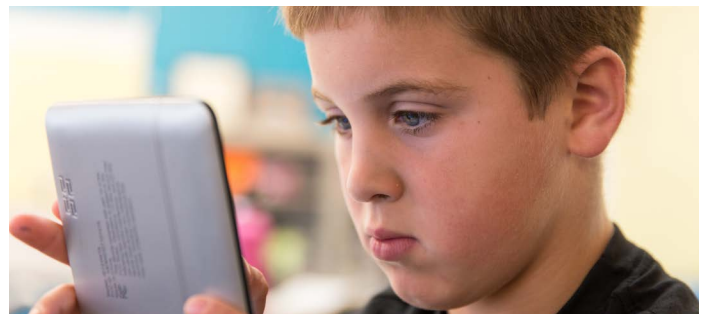

Subject rotation: Swanson used MobyMax as part of a rotation in his second-grade classroom. "While my students were engaged with MobyMax, I worked in small groups or one-on-one with students in my math and reading workshops," explained Swanson. "The students all got 40 minutes on MobyMax each day," he said. "They got 20 minutes of reading and 20 minutes of math. They also were required to do 20 minutes of math homework on MobyMax every night."

Dashboard monitoring: MobyMax's dashboard allows teachers to monitor student progress in real time, so they know exactly how each child is doing. "One of the most effective strategies for student growth is giving meaningful feedback and then having students set and achieve goals," Swanson said. "As a teacher, I was empowered to do that by the data that MobyMax provided."

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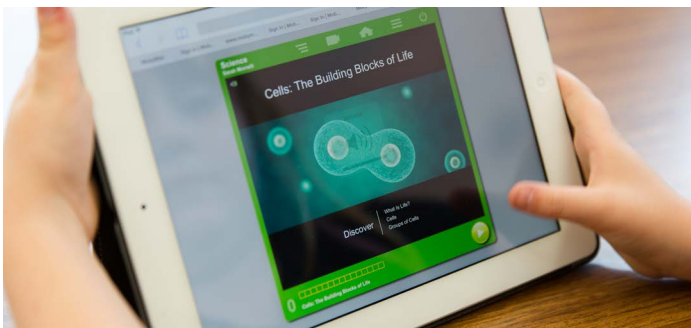Learn twice as fast™

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Using MobyMax as a tool for intervention and enrichment has made a measurable difference in Oak Heights students' ability to excel.

My students and parents can track progress simply by logging onto MobyMax, and I work with my students to set and track growth goals. With the MobyMax dashboard, the data needed to drive instruction is close at hand."
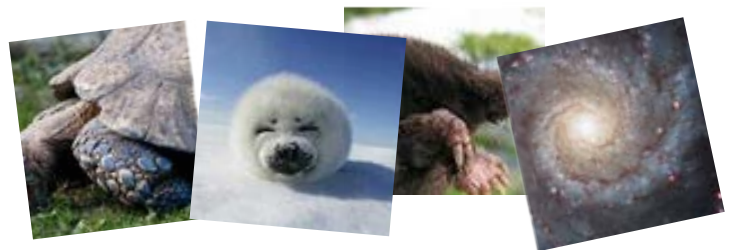

Data dig and analysis: Tim Swanson used the data from MobyMax to home in on students who needed further intervention. "When I do a data dig, I'm looking for students who are stalled out on certain standards," Swanson said. "I can use this information to work one-on-one with students, or to write a 'prescription' for what I would like students to focus on within MobyMax during their library time twice a week."

Audio support: Swanson also appreciated the program's audio support. Every problem, answer choice, and other piece of text within the curriculum can be read aloud to students with the click of a button. What's more, students and teachers can adjust the program's settings so problems are automatically read aloud.

"The audio is really helpful because I can turn it off by spring for students who are reading well enough to no longer need audio support," Swanson noted. On the other hand, it's just as effective for kids who continue to struggle," says Swanson, "because they can work on their comprehension skills without having to be able to decode and have fluent reading."

Student incentives: MobyMax also features built-in incentives for students, such as the opportunity to earn badges and certificates. "My students were motivated by MobyMax's 21st-century learning platform and cartoon characters," Swanson said. "They love the opportunity to earn badges by passing assignments. Students were very proud of their badges, checked them frequently, and showed them off to their friends."

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