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To George Nassis and the Newpath Learning Company:

Finding your Mastering the Curriculum materials at an NCTM Math Conference in the Fall of 2008 was like striking gold! For years I had been searching for science and social studies materials that were made for active learning. The students encountered such great success that I also purchased the reading and math.

I am so pleased that the materials use so many aspects of brain-based learning. The highlighted key words and graphics are wonderful! These enable the students to recall or make connections with the concepts and skills. The CD-rom and online cards appear large which make for easy peer discussion, learning, and answering. This also makes it wonderful for whole class lessons and games on the class screen with a Smart slate.

The first year I used the science and social studies cards, my state scores improved significantly! I have witnessed students stumped on a classroom science test question and tell them to recall the pictures on the Newpath cards which deal with the concept, and immediately they have the correct answer! I have also found that being able to make worksheets online is a great way to make alternative assessments for my students on IEP's (Individual Education Plan). The online learning site really allows me to provide differentiation for the vast academic levels of the students, including enrichment.

Even while the Newpath materials are a daily part of our learning, the students continue to choose them during their free learning time. I have even had students ask if they may come to the room to learn on Newpath instead of going to recess. Having 5th graders, I am able to ask them about these choices. Therefore, I believe this summation of their statements into one is accurate:

"Newpath is a fun way to learn together or on our own, and it is helping us be successful in school."

From the "teach" :

"Honestly, I thought the amount of content covered in a kit, the number of cards and gameboard materials provided, and a CD-rom to install on all classroom computers made it a great buy. As I witnessed high student engagement, decreases in negative attitudes/behavior, and immediate academic success, it turned into a phenomenal purchase. I can't imagine ever teaching without the Newpath Mastery Curriculum materials!

Sincerely,

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