



Classroom Case Study

PROFILE

FIT Academy is a kindergarten to 12th grade public charter school in Apple Valley, Minnesota. Serving close to 400 students, the school purposefully integrates Fitness and Health, Intellectual Development, and Teamwork and Character into the educational experience of its students.



Chelsea Gall
First-Grade Teacher
FIT Academy

Chelsea Gall teaches first grade at FIT Academy in Apple Valley, MN. She has been teaching for seven years, all of which have been in first grade.

“Walkabouts are easy to navigate and tied to all our standards.”
– Chelsea Gall

Walkabouts Platform Correlates to State Standards and Is Easy to Navigate

Goals

Chelsea Gall says that an important aspect of FIT Academy is to include movement in lessons and activities throughout the day. So, when the Walkabouts Platform was shared as a resource through a Minnesota Department of Education grant, she thought it was a great match for the school and for her first-grade students.

Outcomes

Gall uses the Walkabouts lessons as a whole class activity. “I will introduce a topic from our curriculum, and then the next day, I’ll find a corresponding Walkabout on that topic to reinforce what I taught.” Because she uses Walkabouts lessons as whole-class activities, she can easily see who understands the material she has taught and who may need more assistance. She has observed that students interact with the lessons and can respond to the questions.

The Walkabouts Platform, a web-based kinesthetic learning solution for pre-K to 5th grade students, boosts engagement and retention through short, movement-rich lessons that activate the elementary curriculum.

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She says, "I really like that all students have an opportunity to participate and answer the questions, instead of just one or two who get to answer during a [typical] lesson."

Her students also enjoy doing Worksheets (worksheets with a movement component). Gall says, "They really like starting with the movement-based activity at the beginning, and then moving onto the other questions in the Worksheet." She uses Worksheets both as a complement to the Walkabouts lesson and as an independent activity.

Before using the Walkabouts Platform, Gall would search for movement-based lessons on YouTube and tried other programs. While some also incorporated academic material, not all were correlated to state standards or were not as character-driven and interactive.

Recommendations

Gall plans to use the Walkabouts Platform again next year and plans to recommend it to other teachers at FIT Academy. She says that it is intuitive and easy to search for topics that match her lessons and correlate to state standards. This gives her confidence in the material she is teaching.