

St. Mary's Catholic School

Location: Sycamore, Illinois

Type: Preschool to 8th Grade

Providing a versatile e-learning resource to help students master English literacy skills.



“ Working with Word Mania every day helps students to strengthen letter sound relationships and to learn how to look for patterns in words. ”

2nd Grade Teacher
St. Mary's Catholic School

Why the school chose LiteracyPlanet

The staff at St. Mary's Catholic School have been looking for ways to incorporate technology in the classroom, and **pursue learning opportunities that they're unable to achieve in the format of physical books**. The school participated in Word Mania USA, a fun, word-building competition run by LiteracyPlanet and after noticing incredible engagement levels decided to implement the full program in class.





Impressive engagement

Students at St. Mary's Catholic School have found LiteracyPlanet's **gamified style highly engaging**. After completing 837 exercises in February, engagement in March spiked to 3,062 as students familiarized themselves with the program and started to interact with it in their own time. Students enjoyed the fun, motivating aspects of the exercises, which **helped them consolidate key English literacy concepts**.

“ It's an easy way to get students to practice their skills because they are so excited about it!

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3rd Grade Teacher
St. Mary's Catholic School



Incredible results

What was perhaps more impressive than the student's engagement with LiteracyPlanet was their results with the program. In March, students at St. Mary's Catholic School recorded an incredible **61.16% improvement** in their average LiteracyPlanet exercise score, which is determined by how many questions in the exercise they have answered correctly. This represents a **significant improvement in their English literacy ability in just one month!**

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