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Credit to Maria Andersen for many concepts

WHO'S PLAYING GAMES?

 91% of 2-17 year olds play online games according to <u>cnet</u>





WHO'S PLAYING GAMES?





LAME GAMES (MARIA ANDERSON)

- It's just homework, with pretty graphics
- There is no strategy involved. Playing faster, slower, or making different decisions have no effect on the overall outcome or scoring.
- The game play stops when it's time to do math
- The game can be won by trial and error, with no mathematical abilities.
- The "game" is a fixed puzzle, not a game.
- There is no "check" in the game for correct math (or there is no "check" for all players, only the winners).
- In multiplayer games, only the current player is involved, everyone else is an observer.
- It has bad design.

EXAMPLES OF A BAD MATH GAME

- Balance between boredom and frustration
- Example 1 <u>Absolutely</u>
- Example 2 <u>Area & Perimeter</u>
- Example 3 Math Baseball

GOOD GAME

- Teaches how to play with an easy concept
- Continually progresses / gets harder gradually
- Leveled
- Engaging
- Time to play feel free to explore while we talk

NUMBER SENSE (COUNTING & CARDINALITY, NUMBER SYSTEM)

- Wings iPad app
- Ice ice maybe
- Flower power
- Factor-Tris

FRACTIONS

- Motion math iPad app
- Equivalent Fractions iPad app from NCTM

GEOMETRY

- Penominos iPad app
- Zentominos iPad app
- Tangram iPad app
- Grid Drawing iPad app

OPERATIONS & ALGEBRAIC THINKING

- Dragonbox iPad app
- Algebra meltdown
- Algeburst iPad app
- Line gem
- Algeboats iPad app

TOOLS ADDRESSING STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICAL PRACTICE

- My Script Calculator iPad app
- Flow iPad app
- Kenken iPad app
- Math Quiz Up iPad app
- Bedtime Math iPad app

HOW TO USE



HOW TO USE

- 1 to 1 environment
- Have available during free time
- Put on website
- Assign homework and ask students to send a screen shot after 15 minutes or once they reach a certain level or score
- Difference b/t iPads and computers

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITES?

- Apps
- Websites
- Other

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