

Dunne STEM Academy

Location: Chicago, Illinois

Type: Preschool to 8th Grade

Enriching comprehension levels and providing a useful e-learning tool for the classroom.



“ LiteracyPlanet is a wonderful supplement to our reading instruction. The lessons are adaptive, which helped to enrich student’s comprehension through informational text. ”

Cynthia Redmond,
4th Grade Teacher,
Dunne STEM Academy

Why the school chose LiteracyPlanet

The staff at Dunne STEM Academy are always looking for ways to **use technology to support and improve the teaching of English literacy in the classroom.** The school tried LiteracyPlanet on a six month pilot program before participating in Word Mania USA, a fun, word-building competition run by LiteracyPlanet. After noticing incredible engagement levels from the students, they decided to implement the full program.





Impressive engagement

Students at Dunne Technology Academy have found **LiteracyPlanet's gamified style highly engaging**. After completing 2,533 exercises in February engagement spiked in March to 6,037 exercises 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**.

“ Literacy Planet helped to enrich student's vocabulary through the drilling of English skills and Spelling activities.

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Corey Moore,
5th Grade Teacher,
Dunne STEM Academy



Incredible results

What more impressive than Dunne STEM Academy's engagement, was the **degree of improvement seen in students**. In January 2019, students were spelling an average of 13.93 words per exercise correctly. In just two months of LiteracyPlanet usage students improved immensely and in March they were spelling an average of 26.63 words per exercise correctly. This represents **an improvement of 91% in just two months!** Dunne STEM Academy students were so engaged with LiteracyPlanet, they ended **Word Mania USA as national champions for Grade 4 and Grade 5**.



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