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Dear Help Me2 Learn staff:

I purchased your educational games software at one of the Pomona Computer Fairs. I was considering other educational games at the time and so I just put it off to one side. Then one day I decided to install the "Phonics 1a" program on my computer, but I didn't tell my students about it. About that time our school librarian started to sell toys, stuffed animals, and other odds and ends. My students were fascinated with the things available for sale and that gave me an idea. I told my students that whoever completed the "Phonics 1a" page with all gold stars could have any gift the library was selling. There was an overwhelming response and kids right and left were playing the games and filling their page with gold stars. No one was content with acquiring silver stars. They were all going for the gold! Later I realized that "Phonics 1b" was just as suitable for my first graders as "Phonics 1a" and that they would benefit greatly by learning not only the vowels (from "Phonics 1a"), but also the consonants (from "Phonics 1b"). Sure enough, my students are learning very quickly, much more than I could ever teach them in the limited time I have to teach Language Arts. Now I've installed "Phonics2" and "Letters and Numbers" on my computer, and I have found them all suitable for the different levels of students in my first grade class. I have taught other grades in the past and I believe your educational games are suitable for K-6, and beyond, as well as E.S.L.

90% of my students cross the border from Mexico every day and come to our school to learn English and about Jesus. Your phonics educational games have been instrumental in their English language acquisition, and they have learned a lot. Two of my first grade students are reading around the fourth grade level, or so it seems. My other students are progressing very well. All are reading, at various levels.

When our top student saw someone else finish Phonics2, she immediately started to play it. Now she doesn't want to go home at the end of classes and she even tries to hide from her mom so that she won't have to go home.

Congratulations on your excellent software and thank you for creating such interesting educational games for students.

Sincerely, Frank Rodriguez, 1st grade teacher at Calexico Adventist Mission School.