



Mrs. Frazier posted an update

To some, I'm sure headphones may seem like an "extra" item that classrooms don't truly need. However, with technology becoming such an integral part of learning in today's classrooms, it was really hard to get by without them. On our class computers, students use a learning program tailored to their specific needs, as well as play educational games to supplement class content. As one can imagine, 15+ computers sounding without headphones is nightmarish. My students could not focus on their own computer, and my students who were working with me in a small group could not focus on what we were learning. It made for a very unproductive environment just because of the sheer chaos of sound. Since we received our headphones, it's been like a whole new world. The atmosphere of the classroom during computer work time is calm and studious. Everyone is more productive, and the students are able to enjoy the learning process.

It also aided in state testing, which students use headphones for so they can hear problems, questions, and reading passages read to them. This time around, we had no problem with cheap, flimsy earbuds breaking in the middle of the test and causing students stress. The kiddos were able to focus on doing their best.

Something I did not quite expect was the responsibility the headphones naturally fostered in my kiddos. They take special care to wrap the cords carefully, to fold them correctly, and to keep them in the right place. If someone misplaced their headphones, there was always another child willing to loan them theirs for the day and help them look for the missing set. It's been a joy to witness.

For all of this and more, I thank you. My students mean the entire world to me and to be able to give them a tool to support their learning is the best gift. As more and more amazing learning activities become available online, I am excited to see what my students will continue to do with their headphones.

With gratitude,
Mrs. Frazier