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Evaluation Comments

Product: Bouncy Bands for Desks

What aspects of this product did you like most?

- The Bouncy Band was very easy to install and stayed on the desk even when we had to move the desk to another student. It was quiet when they used it, but very effective to keeping them in their seat.
- The Bouncy Band was super easy to install and had instant interest from students. I loved also that when students were using it there was no noise and no movement above their waist to show they were actually doing something.
- Bouncy Bands are wonderful tools that assist educators in the classroom, particularly students who need to move. What I love most about the Bouncy Bands is that it includes a cylinder shaped base which secures the band when it is being utilized. I have used another band in the past and it was frustrating because it didn't have a base and the students had to constantly adjust the band so they could continue to rest their feet or bounce feet on it.

What would you recommend to make the product better?

- I have no suggestions on how to make the band better. It worked with my most active children without ANY issues!
- The product is great as it is, I can't think of anything to do to modify the style or ease of use.
- I love the Bouncy Band as it is for desks with straight legs. I ran into a problem because most of my desks have a curved leg at the bottom. I had to hunt for a straight legged desk so I could try it out. The only thing I would recommend is developing an option for other such desks with the curved bottoms. It is a wonderful idea and I found that my students, especially students with hyperactivity, were able to stay focused and on task when their feet had a place to bounce. [Ed. Note: Bouncy Bands for Specialty Desks are now available.]

How did you make use of this product or integrate it into your lesson plans?

- I used the band in every block. It was used to help keep my most active kids at their seats and concentrating on their work instead of feeling the need to walk around. The kids knew who would get it in each block and we made it a privilege to get it on their desk and a challenge to use it while completing their work.
- I have a variety of modified seating options in my classroom and the addition of the Bouncy Band was one more! The kids were excited to be able to use it at a regular desk. I would see them bouncing their feet, using it as a foot rest, or just swinging their feet. It provided an easy way for my active students to move without disturbing others.
- Since I was testing out one Bouncy Band, of course all of my students wanted to sit where it was. I immediately devised a rotation system where students took turns and served as my assistant for the day. If a student was my assistant, they sat in the special desk, with the special office supplies, and a special chair. It was very much a privilege and students couldn't wait for their turn.

Would you recommend this book to a teacher at the appropriate grade/age level? Why or why not?

- Yes. It was an effective way to keep my active students at their desk working. It was quiet and the kids loved it!
- Definitely!!! Not every teacher wants a classroom filled with yoga balls, standing desks, etc., the Bouncy Band is an easy way to provide an outlet for needed movement in a quiet, indiscreet manner. It is awesome!
- I would recommend Bouncy Bands to other educators of students of all ages. I can see where they would benefit students from first grade to twelfth. It is a great product.