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I've been teaching for 18 years and during that time I have used 3 different math series. I started using Saxon, then Math in Action, and now I am using Go Math. It's always tough to adjust to the new series and get comfortable with it, and this year was no exception, especially since we did not have our books and computer access until it was almost time for school to start. But once we got the materials, I jumped in.

One thing that I have really appreciated in the Go Math series is the more focused way of teaching the standards. I feel like I have more time to make sure that my students really understand double digit addition and subtraction rather than rushing through it. I also like that the series introduces real "Math" words like "vertices" for even the very little ones, and I like the online resources – I haven't learned to use them all well yet, but I am excited about the motivation that they provide for my students. I now have first graders asking if they can play math games instead of building with Legos when their work is done.

(Grades K-2)