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I want to thank the Foundation again for funding my grant, “Making Gains with Algebra Games” last year. I was able to purchase 17 games and a buzzer system for my students. I have been able to fill a complete bookshelf with the games. The students enjoy playing these games and I hope to see improvements in retention of knowledge as a result of playing these games. We have played them periodically throughout the year as a way to review topics in Algebra. Some of my students are the first to finish all of their work so that they can spend time playing the Algebra games. We plan to continue to play them even more after spring break to get ready for the End of Course Exam. My hope is that my students will show improvements this year on the EOC because of playing some of these games.

The students’ favorite game so far is the Monomial Memory Match. It is similar to a regular memory game but they have to add, subtract, multiply, and divide monomials in order to match it to the solution. I use the buzzer system that I purchased to play Jeopardy type games, such as Factoring Jeopardy. When we use the buzzers, I divide the class into four teams and they work out the problems on dry erase boards. The first team to have the same answer on several of their team member’s boards will hit their buzzer to try to get the points. My students are very competitive and really try hard to win. I really appreciate being able to purchase these games for my students. I am attaching a copy of the receipts to this email. The pictures below are of my shelf where I store the games and students enjoying them.

