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| https://ci4.googleusercontent.com/proxy/_RvOhjIN1oE9OoiNatP5PfdLGZMbaZgmyOs-zhy0w7PlR6kaQIPTFbckdt1-QSUAXV4FvPmZvnJKMkQf8NUsVG9WqQfkdbVKxnPLfAU7oVHIyxGVV7HsfHFKcFGVudlU5M2eClt1j8bBm4-7ViMYNLsDjIleicerpxe8IPk=s0-d-e1-ft#http://staticapp.icpsc.com/icp/loadimage.php/mogile/1199315/c90c732aa6e7a4a27ab4c23c7d34b8cd/image/jpeg **Tip of the Month**  Take advantage of all the new help videos!   If you have a question about Ascend there is an additional way to get a quick answer.  You will find Help Videos linked to most of the teacher and school admin pages.  Just click on the HELP hyperlink on the top right hand side of the page. Do you have ideas for how to make Ascend easier and more enjoyable to use? Send them to [support@ascendmath.com](http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=&msgid=0&act=11111&c=1199315&destination=http%3A%2F%2Fsupport%40ascendmath.com) |

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| https://ci5.googleusercontent.com/proxy/XeQT4EgBOWaSzCB-84MOrTVNb5e9TJH1e6-srIZFB0nldEGb4sqyCNdbNbAAtbocnAgEf_TgF3SKU1A6UgMqbNRJEZO295s1mN1VXD7oPyVpjmFKNyL_cpYjmAY5epDaGNKKuwYCeLCMq6O51E9kwGGGdy1ZKEQNLgmTHnw=s0-d-e1-ft#http://staticapp.icpsc.com/icp/loadimage.php/mogile/1199315/e7daf68dba49ed9091cd0d9d600adab5/image/jpeg**AnnouncingCEC Special Ed Awards!** Do you know a special educator and/or exceptional students who are doing well with Ascend Math. Why not nominate them for a CEC Award?  Please take a minute to learn more about the [CEC (Council for Exceptional Children) Award Programs](http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=&msgid=0&act=11111&c=1199315&destination=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cec.sped.org%2FAbout-Us%2FCEC-Award-Programs).    |

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| https://ci5.googleusercontent.com/proxy/_1UWlyDItBkv8eNos1U4bUS18cWWwXA14UQX8xlkU0fFqqDjWey9dqYX0iJvuKslgm5QK0CgAbhwcFkaVCIEGk4AUTdy7raEv8AXVhlWactV4lMmasVZlKjXqqq1SvVljKxPyU3vd3Ax88nNpUdd-lyiHGsG9fpglJYQlUk=s0-d-e1-ft#http://staticapp.icpsc.com/icp/loadimage.php/mogile/1199315/9c04c50ed49d2f45578a818710455200/image/jpeg **Partner School of the Month** Congratulations to Grimes Elementary our Partner School of the Month and last year’s Most Exceptional First Year Implementation.  In the winter of 2014, NWEA test results indicated that 27 of the 42 students (64%) in the 8th grade were not at grade level. Educators set out to close the achievement gap with the help of Ascend Math:* Students testing at or above 50th percentile on their NWEA scores increased from 37.5% of students to 60.4% in the 6 months they used Ascend.
* They achieved the highest growth in their network of 25 schools during the second half of the year, the same period of time they used Ascend Math.

Here's what their students have to say about Ascend: "I like the study guides and how the program lets you practice,  gives you the quiz and then the test. I like having all that practice!"  "Ascend really helps me because when I don't know how to do a problem it shows me. It has even helped to pull my grade up!" "I like the challenging questions. It really makes me think hard about how to solve the problems."    |
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