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## **Academy at Minds in Motion Class pilots iPad education app**

*Student learning progress has been amazing!*

**SPRINGBORO, OH — May 16, 2012** — Learning math facts for most students is a tedious task that must be mastered before more difficult math concepts can be taught. The problem is how to make learning fun so that students will want to learn and retain the information. The solution is now simple with the new Timed Test Arcade app for iPad and iPhone that allows students the ability to take timed math facts tests anytime and anywhere, even on the way to a soccer practice.

FSG Ltd. of Centerville, OH and The Academy at Minds in Motion of Springboro, OH have partnered to pilot this new iPad/iPhone app to help students learn their math facts more quickly. When a student completes a 100 problem test, they are rewarded with two tokens for fun arcade game play, allowing learning and fun in one app. The app was designed and developed by Chris Popson, a graduate of Bishop Fenwick High School and from the University of Dayton, in collaboration with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students from the local school.

### **Apple iPads in education**

According to a recent Time February 12, 2012 article, a new study shows that students who use iPads in the classroom score better in literacy tests compared to those that don't. Lauren MacDonald, an Intermediate teacher at the Academy at Minds in Motion has seen that improvement across all disciplines firsthand in her classroom this year. "iPads make learning more fun and motivate the students to achieve more. They can find information and get feedback instantly which puts the learning into their hands. It also allows them to grow in confidence as they can recognize and fix their own mistakes," says Ms. MacDonald.

### **Results of Pilot Conducted at Minds in Motion Academy**

Randy Popson, President of FSG Ltd. located in Washington Township said, "We are very thankful to be able to work with the administrators, teachers, and students from this highly successful school. Our company's primary core competency is improving business efficiency through automated data collection and business process

automation and our solutions are used by Federal and State government agencies, as well as large corporations across the U.S., so we are excited to be able to take our mobile software expertise and incorporate it into **give back apps** that will help students learn. I was completely blown away with the results of the Timed Test Arcade pilot.”

“We know that all students learn differently and as an innovative school, we are always looking for ways to help each student experience success,” said Ms. Pangalangan, founder and principal of The Academy. “With the timed math facts test, we were thrilled with student achievement as everyone dropped at least 1 minute off of a 5 minute test and 99% thought this was more fun than the traditional flashcards. This app also provided the teacher with valuable performance information faster and easier than other methods. We look forward to continuing to work with FSG Mobile Solutions Group to develop more quality educational apps that will help MIM students as well as others across the country.”

“I really like the Timed Test app because I was having trouble with multiplication and now I have mastered my facts. I even practice it at home,” says Mary, a student at the Academy. “It was epic,” said Luke, another student at the Academy. “I had so much fun that I forgot that I was learning. I wanted to keep playing.”

### **Background on The Academy at Minds in Motion**

The Academy at Minds in Motion, an independent, private K-8<sup>th</sup> grade school, was founded in 2005 and has a unique approach to education that is centered on small class sizes, differentiated instruction, and challenging and meaningful experiences. The curriculum is based on themes that incorporate all core subject areas with the use of the latest technology. Immersion week follows a six week course of study in which the students participate in field trips and parent programs. In addition, weekly Spanish, character education, EXTRA classes, spotlight assembly and integrated arts lessons are incorporated into the curriculum. The school is committed to achieving success and inspiring innovation that will pay dividends to last a lifetime.

## **Background on FSG Ltd.**

FSG Ltd. is a company dedicated to developing software solutions that improve business productivity, support societal needs, and provide personal entertainment. The company has been building software solutions for commercial and government markets for the past 18 years. Timed Test Arcade is a “**Give Back App**” in that FSG is investing not expecting a return on their investment but investing to help support educational needs in the U.S. and around the world.

## **Available Pictures and Video**

More information concerning Timed Test Arcade for iPad or iPhone is available at the Apple App Store at

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/timed-test-arcade/id515358594?mt=8&uo=4>

In addition, video that can be used for newscast/digital picture purposes is available at YouTube.

<http://youtu.be/S3swpkKCKIY> - Contact Randy Popson at randy.popson@fsgmobile.com if you are unable to download.

or you are welcome to schedule a visit to the Academy at Minds in Motion, Call 937.748.1991 to schedule direct interviews.

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