

Guidelines for starting Excel Math mid year:

1. Start with the Scope and Sequence or the Table of Contents in the front of your Teacher Edition. Highlight the concepts (lessons) that you have already covered with your students. Use one of the Quarterly Tests as an assessment to see which concepts your students need to review. Check the Test Table in your Teacher Edition to find the lesson(s) that teach those concepts.
2. Choose a logical lesson as your starting point. Remember that every fifth lesson day includes a test, and no homework is assigned on that day. If you want the fifth lesson day to fall on Friday, take this into account (as well as school holidays) when you choose your starting lesson. Continue the lessons in successive order.
3. Pay close attention to your students as they work through the Guided Practice portion of Excel Math. This section reviews concepts that have been introduced previously in the Lesson of the Day. With Excel Math's CheckAnswer (Grades 2-6), students can check their own work. During Guided Practice, have students work independently. Ask them to raise their hands or place an eraser near the edge of their desks to let you know when they don't grasp a particular concept. Have them mark that problem so they can continue working until you get to them.
4. If your students find the Guided Practice problems to be too easy, skip forward a week or two. If your students are finding that it's too difficult, you may have started them too far into the curriculum. Move them back a week or two.

Things to remember:

1. The first 4-6 weeks of any grade level review the previous year's concepts.
2. Excel Math uses a finely-tuned spiraling system. Concepts are introduced and reinforced throughout the year. Mastery occurs via Guided Practice, not at the initial presentation of a concept. For this reason, we suggest you teach the lessons in the order they occur in the Excel Math program, without skipping lessons.
3. A Free Placement Test is available on our website:
<http://excelmath.myshopify.com/collections/free-placement-tests>
4. Correlations to CCSS, TEKS and many additional state standards are also available on our website: http://excelmath.com/downloads/state_stds.html

Thank you for using Excel Math. Please contact us if you have questions—we're here to help.