

# InFocus JTouch Increases Engagement in Elementary Class

The new tool integrates seamlessly into the classroom allowing fifth grade students to collaborate and interact with web content

## Challenge

Fifth grade teacher Kelli Joy's young students have grown up using touchscreens, tablets, and smartphones. They are habituated to interactive content, and Kelli had trouble keeping the attention of her class using traditional lesson plans.

## Solution

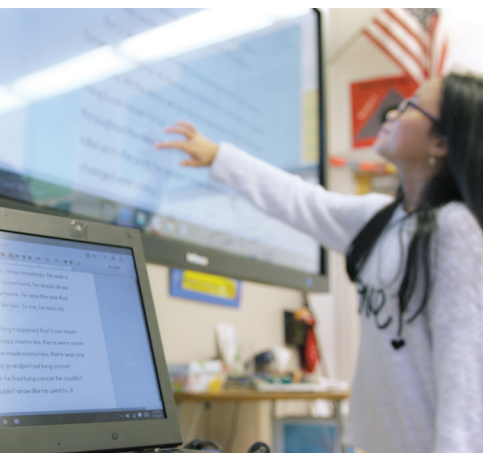
Kelli's classroom had a JTouch installed, which allows students to participate in presentations, lessons, activities and even teaching. The result is considerably higher student engagement and information retention.

## Results

Kelli's students were interested as soon as they saw the JTouch. Integrating the touchscreen into the classroom led to higher student engagement and improved learning retention. It has served as a way for the students to interact with lesson plans, and also to easily share their independent work directly from a laptop.

“It's made me a better teacher”

- Kelli Joy, Marysville Elementary School



## Challenge

Kelli Joy wanted her fifth grade students to be more actively engaged in lessons. Her students used technology daily outside of the classroom, and expected the technology in the classroom to function like their familiar tablets, laptops and smartphones. While including technology in lesson plans seemed essential for maintaining students' attention, learning new technology seemed daunting and possibly time-consuming to incorporate into lessons.

Lana Penley, the principal of Marysville School, also knew the school was in need of new classroom technology: "Schooling has to be connected to the real world and I think that's the advantage technology can give kids—they're more engaged because it's more like their real world."

## Solution

An InFocus JTouch interactive whiteboard featuring a 1080p touchscreen display, integrated speakers, and Wireless Collaboration technology for screen sharing was brought into the classroom. The JTouch allows Kelli to incorporate web content and digital materials into her lessons, and lets students engage directly with the content on the board. Students also share their own work directly from their laptops with wireless casting technology, and Kelli incorporates live notetaking sessions and presentations where students write directly on the board on top of her lesson materials or other student work.

"The digital whiteboard has been one of the most useful tools and what I appreciate most is the opportunity to save the work. We often go back and reference what we did days prior," said Kelli.

## Results

Kelli Joy shared the benefits of using the JTouch in her classroom, noting its ease of use and the change it has made to her lessons: "One of the things I've appreciated about the JTouch is the flexibility of the tool. I can have a student working on our laptops and they'll be able to share what they're working on. And what's so nice about it is it all works so seamlessly. We're moving and sharing things at a faster pace than we have before. I think it's made me a better teacher."

