

Q&A With



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1 What did you think of LEGO® Education SPIKE™ Prime?

With SPIKE™ Prime students were able to program more freely. **The students said they were able to achieve their goals and create something even better than they had imagined, so I'm glad we used SPIKE™ Prime.**



2 Do you think the successes you've experienced could translate easily in other schools?

It's not that Narimasugaoka Elementary School is uniquely suited for this - I believe other schools could do it too. I'm only in my fifth year of teaching, so I believe other teachers without much experience could do the same thing. If you develop a lesson while critically thinking about what needs to be done, the students can focus on what they need to do.

3 How long did it take the students to learn how to use SPIKE Prime?

With graduation approaching, sixth graders are busy, and at times we could only spare two hours a week. In the end, **we used a total of 20 hours during integrated studies classes and were able cover everything from research to assembly.**

4 How helpful was it that your students had previous experience with Scratch.

Well, the robot portion was a new experience for them, but there was a sense of being at ease as they already had Scratch as a base. Some of the students said that they had seen Scratch before and suggested ways to enter commands, so I think they got it quickly.

