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Project: Breakout EDU



Breakout EDU is a company that makes educational escape rooms happen in a snap! The money went towards purchasing 2 breakout boxes and platform access for all the games. Since December, we have been able to complete 3 escape rooms. Two games were physical and involved walking around the room like a real escape room. One game was a digital version included in the platform access. The physical games were by far more engaging than the digital games.

Through our two physical games, we explored Christopher Columbus' explorations and the California Gold Rush. Both games involved math, communication skills, knowledge of social studies topics, reading, and teamwork.

The latest game we did was the California Gold Rush. The rush for the chocolate gold coins in the box created a sense of what the real gold rush must have felt like for the kids. Each game brought joy, engagement, and a level of understanding of a topic that can only come from being in the game.

Overall, the Breakout EDU kits took us to the next level. My kids get excited for social studies and are eager to learn as much as they can in order to be prepared for a game! Thank you so much for the opportunity to bring this joy of learning to my students. I can't wait to do even more games with my class next year!

