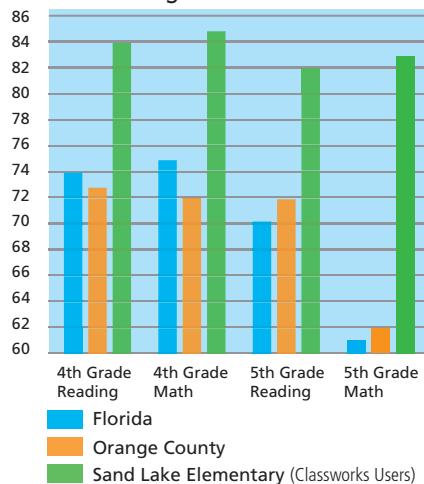


# Sand Lake Elementary, Orange County, FL

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Reading and Math Scores



"Classworks has given us the flexibility to meet the needs of each individual student in our school. With AYP, ESE, ESOL and RtI, we have found ways that Classworks helps us work smarter – not harder."

— Kelli Poster D'Amato, Reading Coach  
Sand Lake Elementary School, FL

## Maintaining Growth Among Highest and Lowest Performers (FL) is the Key to "A"

**Challenge:** Sand Lake Elementary, a new school in Orange County, has had a unique challenge since opening in October of 2006. With a new facility, and a base of high-performing students, they are a popular 'choice' school for their area. This means parents and students select Sand Lake when their home schools have not been successful. As their number of economically disadvantaged students has climbed to more than 26% of the total school population, Sand Lake is boosting their commitment to maintaining high performance and "A" grade, while meeting the needs of every student that comes through Sand Lake's doors.

### Goals:

- Maintain an "A" school grade, even as the numbers of economically disadvantaged students increase
- Continue to keep proficiency levels above the district average
- Ensure that base population of high achievers continues to show growth
- Ensure that the lowest 25% makes significant learning gains

**Action Plan:** Place struggling students in a very intensive and closely monitored program to immediately identify deficiencies and then to drill down to introductory skills for review. Students in this program worked on individual prescriptions, at their own pace, in a non-threatening environment while working their way up to grade-level mastery.

At the same time, students who were on grade level worked in Classworks and were challenged with advanced math and language instruction. This kept high-performers motivated and engaged, and their scores in an upward pattern.

### Results:

- Sand Lake maintained its "A" grade!
- Proficiency levels maintained a high rate, outpacing the district and the state in 4th and 5th grade reading and math
- Learning gains remain high for the overall school population, indicating growth among high-performers – with developmental scale scores (DSS) greater than the state average
- Learning gains are high for the lowest 25%, indicating that the intensive individualized program is keeping all students on track for proficiency – with developmental scale scores (DSS) greater than the state average
- Within the target group, 38% improved a full achievement level in math and 43% moved to a higher achievement level in reading