

Gratigny Makes the Grade!

School	2005-06 Grade	2005-06 Total Points	2004-05 Grade	2004-05 Total Points	2003-04 Grade	2002-03 Grade	2001-02 Grade
2241 GRATIGNY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	A	418	B	406	C	C	C



May 2006 - Dr. Aaron Enteen cheers for his students during an "Academic Achievement" award ceremony sponsored by Learning Today.

Gratigny Elementary School (GES), led by Principal, Dr. Aaron Enteen, improved their School Performance Grade (SPG) from a "B" in the 2004/2005 School Year to an "A" in the 2005/2006 School Year. Dr. Enteen and his experienced staff deserve full credit for the improvement through their continued dedication to academic excellence, however, we would like the district and the region to acknowledge that the majority of the gains were in the lowest 25th percentile (i.e., the students that were utilizing Learning Today's **Smart Tutor**). This information can be confirmed by contacting Dr. Aaron Enteen.

There are some important observations to note regarding the challenges that GES had to overcome in order to properly utilize Learning Today's Smart Tutor System. The background is as follows:

Challenges:

- Start Date: Delayed to Mid-October 2005
- End Date: Post Test date = First week of April
- Total Time: 5.5 months (excluding holidays and FCAT)
- Challenges faced:
 - **Scheduling Issues:** GES' first lab technician in 2005/2006 was unfamiliar with the procedures necessary to conduct efficient rotational shifts through the computer lab. This delayed the beginning of the program until Mr. Vallias-Jean was hired and took over the use of the computer lab. His knowledge along with his willingness to learn the administrative procedures of *Smart Tutor* launched the proper usage of the system.
 - **Technical Issues:** GES' NMLI was not updated until late spring 2006. The lack of proper bandwidth inhibited the use of the system. The bandwidth had to be carefully managed until the NMLI was upgraded.

Outcome:

Regardless of these challenges, GES was able to demonstrate the following academic gains in their lowest 25th percentile students:

- **Reading:** 1.32 overall average grade level gain in less than 6 months.
- **Math:** .88 overall average grade level gain in less than 6 months.