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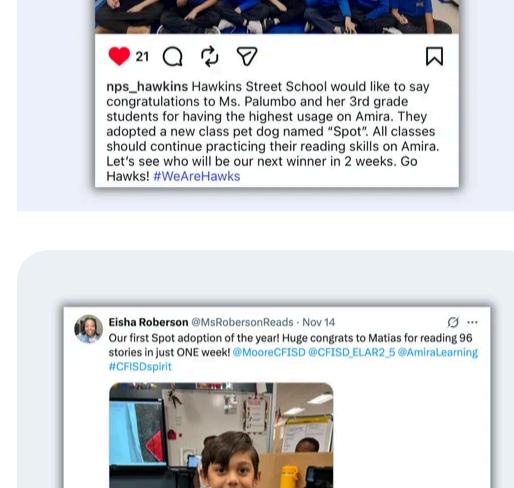
## Starting the Year with YOUR Ideas

As we begin a new year, we want to thank you for the creativity you bring to your classroom. Even across a screen, we see your ideas and learn from the ways you motivate students.

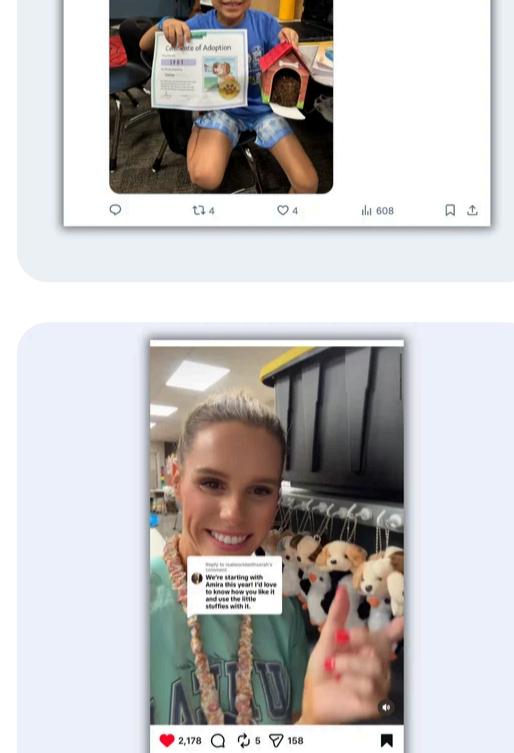
This year, we loved seeing how teachers use Spot to encourage reading and celebrate progress. From classroom adoptions to fun challenges, your ideas continue to inspire new resources.

Check out the Spot ideas below and think about how you might use Spot to motivate students this year. Have a great idea of your own? We would love to see it! [Click here to share](#), or tag us on our socials (@amiralearning).

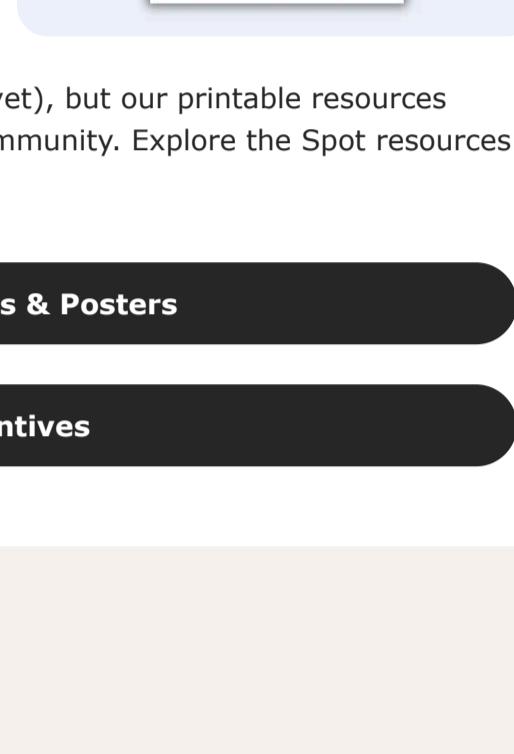
At the Hawkins Street School (Newark, NJ), the class with the highest usage gets to "adopt" Spot for two weeks.



At Moore Elementary (Houston, TX) reading the most stories earns students their very own mini Spot and doghouse.



Mrs. Peters rewards students who meet their usage goals for four consecutive weeks by giving them the opportunity to "babysit" a Spot keychain.



We don't offer an official Spot plushie (yet), but our printable resources make it easy to bring Spot into your community. Explore the Spot resources below for student incentives.

## Spot Certificates &amp; Posters

## Spot Incentives

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## AMIRA INSTRUCT UPDATES:

We are pleased to share two new features of the [AI Lesson Planner](#):

## • Preview Micro Lessons

Preview Micro Lessons in a new browser tab. Each new preview replaces the previously opened preview, so only one Micro Lesson preview can be open at a time.

## • Preview Activities (Digital Instruction by Istation)

Preview Activities open in a secondary tab for each activity and will automatically close when the activity is stopped or completed. For the best experience, please close any active tabs between previews.

*Available to teachers at launch; admin access coming soon.*

Click [here](#) for a walkthrough of the AI Lesson planner and its new features.

## RESOURCES: FOR STUDENTS



## Read Your Heart Out!

New competition kit packed with posters, progress trackers, certificates, and more to grow students' love of reading.

## Competition Resources



## Spot Incentives

Print and assemble fun use incentives that recognize milestones and motivate students through instant positive reinforcement.

Use **Spot Stickers** on 2" x 4" shipping labels for quick recognition, or create **Spot Keychains** by cutting out images and inserting them into picture frame keychains\* for a lasting keepsake. Perfect for celebrating progress, sending notes home, or encouraging continued effort.

\*Keychains not included

## Spot Incentives

