



IT WORKED!

Summer Book Study Platform

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Our building was in the beginning stages of Guided Math Instruction. Dr. Nicki Newton published a book called *Guided Math In Action*, and I knew this book would help us in our endeavors. But I also knew a Summer Book Study would be difficult.

My daughter's Campfire Group used the Closed Group option on Facebook for messages and such and I wondered if this could be a non-threatening, relaxed platform for this book study. "Everyone's on Facebook, right?" I thought. So that is how Guided Math Goddesses was born. I passed out the books with a smile and told them to be watching their Facebook account for a notification to join the best Summer Book Study they would ever be a part of. The idea was to read manageable sections each day and comment under my short summaries of the sections. The first few days, I awoke early and read and noted and summarized while enjoying my beautiful back deck. I anxiously awaited their responses and was hopeful at least one would at least "like" my summary.

My phone pinged with notifications throughout the day with all 11 members chiming in. They were on topic, asking vital questions, and learning from each other. We were our best resources and never set up the opportunities for us to share with each other. On the third day, 2 of my teachers beat me to the initial summary and at that moment the students became the teacher.

This book study was in the 2015 school year and my building teachers still refer back to this Facebook page.

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