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## Karen says

Currently reading and doing the questions while on our winter break from regular school assignments...krb  
12/7/15

Ellie likes this book more than Jacob so far. She would like to do the next book but Jacob does not. He would rather go back to CLE math when we are done with Butterflies..krb 1/12/16

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## Prajna says

I'm enjoying this series, although my boys (grades 5 & 6) are a little put off by what they call "baby math". However, the author recommends going through the entire elementary series since they build on each other. I think they are funny and interesting, even if they are a bit silly. But then again, laughing out loud while reading a math book is a good thing, right?

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## SchoolinginPajamas says

We currently using this book. We are up to chapter 8. It picks up where the Apples book left off. The novelty of Fred has worn off a bit but my youngest still seems to enjoy it. We've had a couple of chapters where very little math was mentioned but we used library books and a few activities to extend them out.

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## Sue says

More fun with Fred and Kingie and other friends, starting with mysterious butterflies in minus 15 degree weather, sugary Sluice drink, time, sets, and addition/subtraction, along with the usual funny drawings. Orion's Belt leads to lessons about the stars and light years, and a bit of geometry is included as the Bell Tower leans and falls.

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## Susannah says

We love Fred! In case you haven't heard, Fred is a five-year-old orphaned math genius who teaches at KITTENS University and lives in his office with his doll, Kingie. He and Kingie sleep under Fred's desk at night. Fred's adventures can occasionally stray into the realm of the silly, but they are imaginatively conceived and perfect for engaging the attention of elementary age children. Furthermore, because Schmidt believes in integrating subjects (as do I), the Fred books offer much more than mathematical knowledge. You and your children will also learn history, astronomy, natural science, interpersonal relations, character qualities, business practices, music, nutrition, language, and more. These do not include drilling of facts, though a specific set of math facts is repeated throughout each book. I recommend adding daily drill to the

Fred books if using them as a stand-alone curriculum (we have another math curriculum). Elementary age is prime time for mastering facts.

I am reading these to my seven- and five-year-old boys as bedtime stories and they are always eager to hear the next chapter. I admit, we do the "Your Turn to Play" questions orally, despite the author's recommendation that the answers be written, but I'm dealing with rather young ones who are still mastering the writing of numbers. I don't want them to catch on that we're "doing math." Their answers reveal the difference between their stages of cognitive development: my five-year-old is not quite Fred-like in his grasp of math. However, the beauty of these books is that they are eminently re-readable. I am seriously considering purchasing the higher level Fred books just as fun supplemental reading for my secondary math students, though I understand they can be used as a stand-alone curriculum.

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### **Nevada Libert says**

i love fred sooo much!i love learning with fred he makes math sooooooooo much fun and understanding. i love how fred is only 3 feet tall.

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### **Lisa Powell says**

Elementary math.

Fred books are amazing, elementary series is a nice set.

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### **Chase says**

Read this aloud to my 9 year old and she loved it. Works on addition to 9 and introduces subtraction. Lots of counting by 5s, ordinal vs cardinal numbers, and more telling of time. Zero is also introduced. There is sort of an optional practice/quiz at the back of the book which pretty much covers all the math. I am looking forward starting Cats with her next.

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### **Heather says**

Random but my son  
Loved it

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### **Elijah Libert says**

I like Life of Fred.

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**Elaine Curry says**

A great math book for kids! My daughters kept asking for more math work. This is a fun, living math approach.

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**Julie says**

Again, the stories were cute, and the math that was taught was effective, I just wish there had been a bit more meat to this book. I think Apples taught more concepts than this one did. However, the kids still love Fred, so I can't complain too much. The rating I gave was a compromise.... I would have given this three stars, while my children still thought it deserved five.

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**Courtney says**

Just as good as the first book! More of Fred & his (mis)adventures at Kittens U. Such a great way to present math concepts!

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**Emily says**

Nope. Out of nowhere my "math" book turned into a fat shaming diet book. We are done with life of fred.

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**Amélie Hartley says**

Pretty good! Even for the second time.

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