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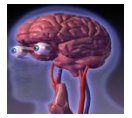
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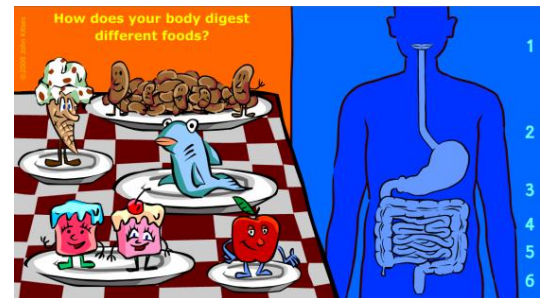
This Month's New Resources



Science resources are here! The next few months, you will see science resources appearing in your resources search section. We are excited to provide this new subject addition to StarrMatica to further our mission to make using technology in the classroom easy, effective and fun!

To access these resources, login to your teacher account and click on the search tab. Then, click on the "Search for resources by grade, subject and topic" button. Select a Grade. Then select Science as your subject. The first topic group available is *The Body* with 128 resources. The twelve topics included in this group are: Circulatory System, Digestive System, Endocrine System, Excretory System, Immune System, Muscular System, Nervous System, Respiratory System, Senses, Skeletal System, Teeth, and The Body.

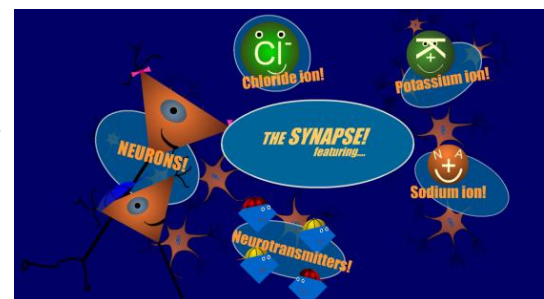
Food Digestion Interactive: Fill your virtual stomach to see how your body digests different foods.



The Beating Heart: Make Sam run to see how exercise affects your heart rate.



The Synapse!: Take an animated journey to learn how your nerves transmit messages.



My Favorite Things

A note from StarrMatica's CEO

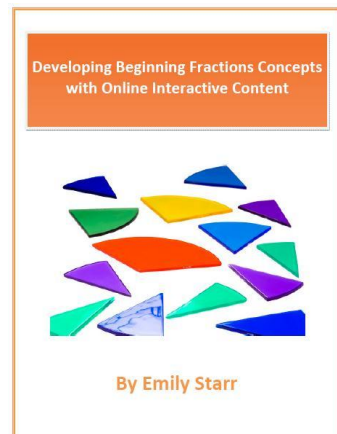
There are three blogs I subscribe to that consistently provide me with interesting online resources to investigate. These resource sharing blogs are:

- iLearn Technology found at www.ilearntechnology.com
- SMARTboard Goodies found at www.smartboardgoodies.com
- InTech Insights <http://karenogen.blogspot.com>

All three blogs are written by amazing educators who use their time and talents to help colleagues around the world integrate technology in the classroom. Since this is also the core mission of StarrMatica and the reason I founded the company, I encourage you to visit these blogs and subscribe to their posts in the hopes they will be as helpful in your classroom as they have been to me.

ebook Giveaways

Did you know you can download free ebooks at StarrMatica.com that help you use interactive content in the classroom? Each ebook saves you time by providing a complete lesson plan with step by step instructions for teaching with specific interactive websites. [Click here to explore our titles](#): Developing Beginning Fractions Concepts, Developing 2-D Shapes Concepts, and Developing Letter Concepts. New ebooks are added monthly, so check back often.



Just for you, here's an advance copy of our latest ebook: [Sponge Activities for Interactive Whiteboards](#) Click the title to download a personal copy.

StarrMatica Contest

This week is your last chance to enter **StarrMatica's 50 States Contest** before the April 30th deadline. We are giving away a \$900 StarrMatica School Membership in every state! That's 50 memberships worth \$45,000! Entering is easy, and there are several states without any entries. Which means....if you enter....you win! Visit www.starmatica50states.com to view a current entry and to enter for your school!

Google Earth

If you are sifting through technology tools to determine those worthy of your time, Google Earth must make your list. Google Earth is a fantastic tool that can be used to enhance lessons in every subject, K-12. You can experience 3-D views of cities, buildings and famous landmarks and zoom in to street level views to thoroughly explore locations. Check out our Interactive Whiteboard Insights blog post: [15 Google Earth Integration Ideas](#) for help getting started with this amazing tool in your classroom.

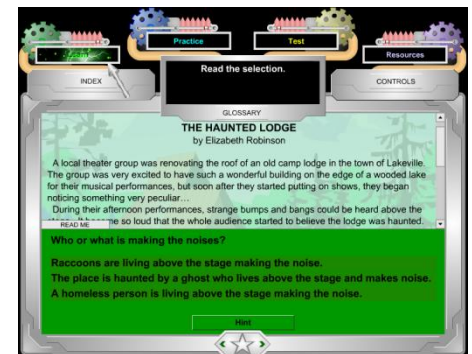


*NOTES: #1 Google Earth is a software program that must be downloaded to your computer before it can be utilized. Don't worry, it's free! #2 Be sure to click the "Planet Dropdown" in the tool bar to explore the night sky, Mars and the moon.

StarrMatica Feature

Inference: Enrichment

Students must be good detectives to master the art of making inferences. That's why StarrMatica's inference enrichment is a great whole class activity. Students are encouraged to use clues to help solve several fun and suspenseful mysteries. This gives teachers the opportunity to model looking for story clues to make logical inferences.



 *Facebook Highlights*

[Ecokids Games](#)

[Delaware Contest Entry](#)

[Solar System Exploration](#)

 *Twitter Highlights*

[Google A Day](#)

[Author's Purpose Mystery](#)

[Web Based Timeline Software](#)

 *Blog Highlights*

[Magnetic Poetry](#)

[Google Earth](#)

Special Insert

Interactive Activities for National Poetry Month

(Click the images below to visit the sites.)

Diamante Poems



Write an Emotional Animal Poem

Method:

Line 1 name an emotion

Line 2 is adjective animal name

Line 3 write an action filled phrase describing how the animal moves

Line 4 write a phrase telling where the animal lives

Line 5 write a phrase that tells readers either why the animal acts the way it does or possibly how others react to it

Sample:

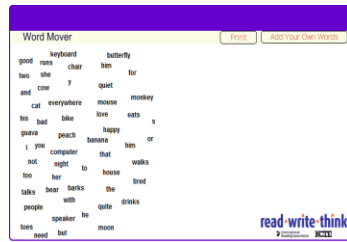
Envy
 is a scavenging hyena,
 slinking, tail between his legs
 on the dry grassy savanna,
 jealous of the lion's power.

Jealousy is a creeping snail
 leaving a slimy trail as he slides
 through the undergrowth of your mind

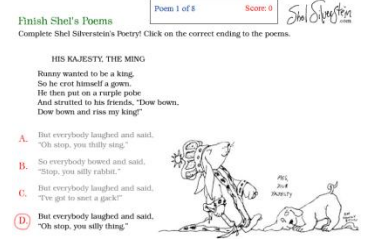
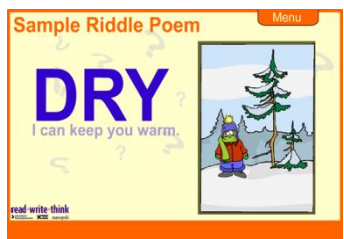
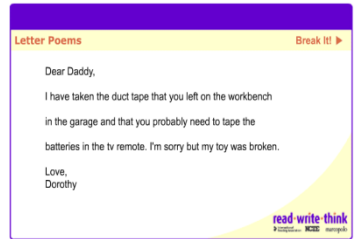
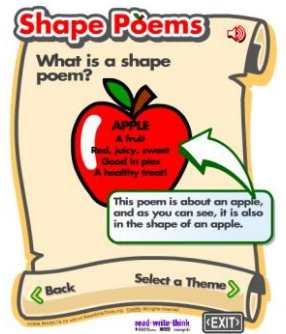
- In honor of national poetry month, here are five sites for creating masterpieces with magnetic poetry.
- <http://www.walkingghost.com/poetry/XML.swf>
 - <http://kreskowi.odpoczyvam.net/gry/dzieci/magnetic-poetry-summer.swf>
 - <http://www.cbc.ca/news/indepth/words/magnetic.swf>
 - <http://kids.magpogames.com/playonline.cfm>
 - <http://www.channel4learning.com/sites/bookbox/games/fridgemagnets/fridgemagnets.swf>



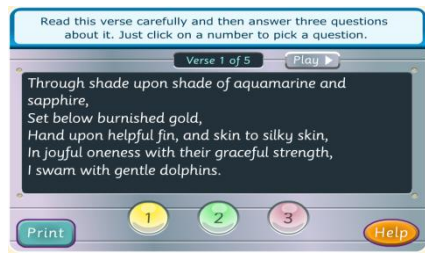
Letter Poems



Shape Poems



Poetry Idea Engine



Word: sea Rhyme: End Rhymes

sea	One- and two-syllable End Rhymes of sea:			
abby	ably	achy	acme	acne
aerie	agree	airy	algae	alley
amply	amy	andy	angry	ante
anti	antsy	any	aptly	army
arty	ashy	aurae	aussie	awfully
baby	badly	baggy	bailee	bailey