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## *This Month's New Resources*

*(Science Poll Results!)*

Last month, we asked our members in a poll to select the science topics you felt were important so we could meet your most urgent resource needs first. Thank you to the teachers who took a moment to respond! Nearly every teacher responded with a different topic, so we will be adding topics to StarrMatica over the next few months in the order they were requested.

This month's topic, requested first in our poll, is Electricity and Magnetism! To access 59 resources on electricity and magnetism, login to your teacher account and click the search tab. Then, click "Search for resources by grade, subject, and topic". Select a Grade. Then select Science.


PS: You can still answer our science resources poll here:

<http://bit.ly/sciencepoll11-11>

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Create an electromagnet that will pick up a given number of paper clips.

Create a circuit to test the conductivity of objects and see which will protect against an electric eel!



## *Happy Holidays From StarrMatica*

We hope you enjoy the enclosed holiday interactives as our gift to you. We thank you for your partnership this year, and we look forward to sharing an abundance of new content and features with you in our January newsletter!

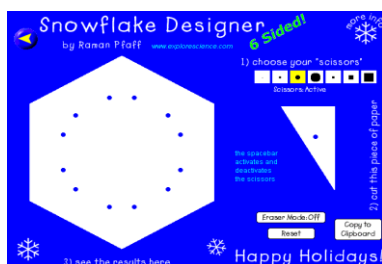
# Special Holiday Insert

## Interactive Activities for Winter Holidays

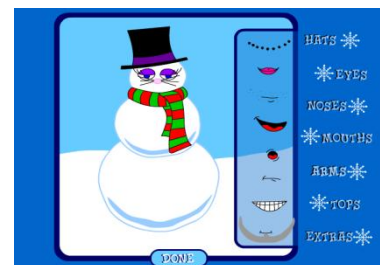
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Create A Snowflake

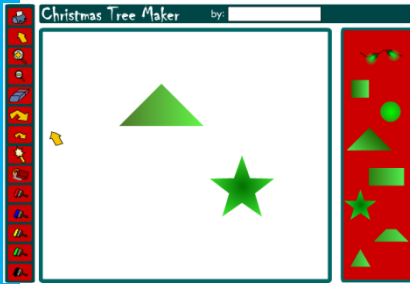


## Build A Snowman

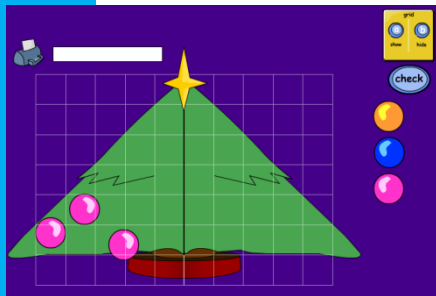
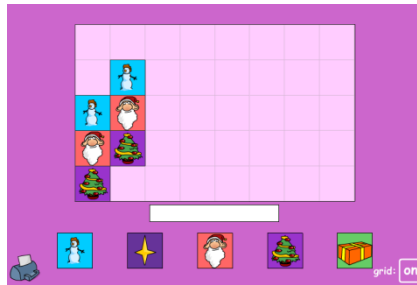
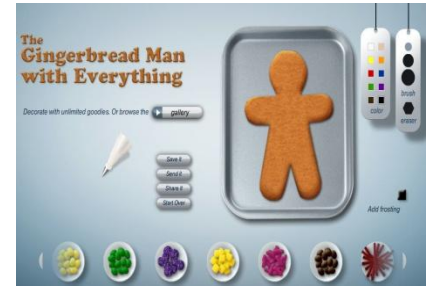


## Decorate A Gingerbread House

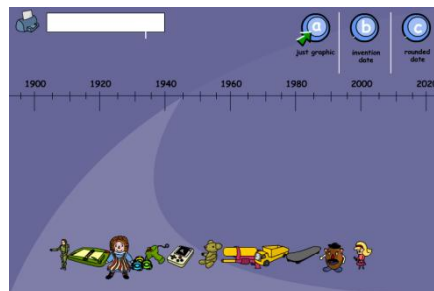
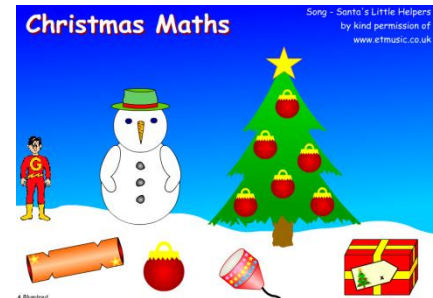




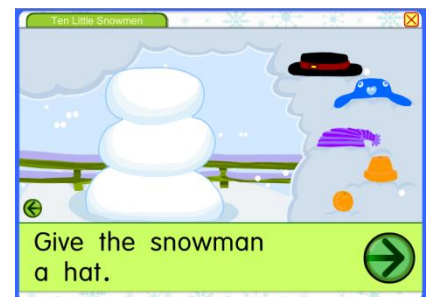
Decorate!



Christmas Math




Winter Stories



**SCHOLASTIC**

Explore the Hanukkah Scrapbook to learn about the history and traditions of the holiday.



**Hear a Hanukkah Song**  
Get ready for the "Festival of Lights" with this Hanukkah tune.

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**HANUKKAH** Shalom

For eight days in December, this "Festival of Lights" honors an ancient victory of the Jews and the miracle that followed. Explore the scrapbook to learn about the history and rich traditions of this holiday.

What Is Hanukkah?

Light the Menorah!

My Small Gift

*Spin the Dreidel for Hanukkah*

**Hanukka, Oh Hanukka**

**Hanukka, Oh Hanukka,**

**Judaism 101** Contents Search

**Dreidel Game**

PLAYER 1  
Name:   
Score:

PLAYER 2  
Name:   
Score:

Start Game

**SCHOLASTIC**

Explore the Kwanzaa Scrapbook to learn about the history and traditions of the holiday.



**Hear a Kwanzaa Song**  
Celebrate family and unity with this Kwanzaa tune.

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*Celebrate Kwanzaa*

**Kwanzaa** Habari gani?

Based on ancient African harvest festivals, this holiday celebrates African-American people, their culture, and their values. Explore the scrapbook to learn about the history and rich traditions of Kwanzaa.

What Is Kwanzaa?

Light the Kinara



Temperature (degrees C)

-50  
-25  
-16  
-12  
-8  
-5  
-3  
0

To begin, click in a temperature zone (between the lines) in the cloud

*Christmas Games*

18th December 2010

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24
25					

*Develop A Snowflake*

57 ? Level 1 Score 0 Next

*Advent Calendar*



# Christmas Fun



Many of these resources were found via these wonderful blogs:

[Teachers Love Smartboards](#)

[InTech Insights](#)



# Christmas Stories



# Christmas Games



# Christmas Songs