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New Reading Guides and Online Stories!

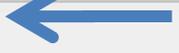
50 new picture book guides were added to StarrMatica this month! Under the *Links* tab, you can search for picture books and online stories by choosing *Books and Stories* from the type drop down. Physical picture books are indicated with a book icon. Online stories have a hyperlinked title. If both are available, they are presented together like in the example below.



Online Story: [Splish, Splash, Splat](#)   

Listen to Splish, Splash, Splat read aloud while viewing illustrations from the book. Then answer the questions in the accompanying guide.

[Content Guide: Splish, Splash, Splat!](#)

 [Splish, Splash, Splat!](#) 

By: Rob Scotton

Splat does not want to have a playdate with Spike. But when the rest of their classmates rush straight into the pool, Splat and Spike find that they may have more in common than they thought. Will Splat overcome his fear of water and get into the pool? And how can he help Spike to do the same?

[Purchase this book](#)

Picture books and online stories with a content guide available are indicated by a light bulb icon next to the title. Click the plus to expand and view more information. Click the content guide link to access the guide.

You can also use the Guides toggle button to refine your search to view only content with guides available. **To view *all* reading guides, select *Reading* as your subject, click the *Guides* button, and click load.**



But wait, there's more! **33 of the guides include free online versions!** To make it easy for you to find the guides that include online versions, we have made a change to our links search. *If the title of a book says Online Story and is hyperlinked, clicking the title will take you the free online version.* If the title of a book is not hyperlinked, there is no online version available. You can still purchase most of the books included in our library from our partner AKJ by expanding for more information and clicking the *Purchase this book* link.



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List of Picture Book Guides

Picture book guides for the following titles are now available on StarrMatica.
Titles in bold include free online versions.

50 Below Zero
A Band of Angels
A Home for Pearl Squirrel
A Million Fish More or Less
Abuela
**Alexander and the Terrible,
Horrible, No Good, Very Bad
Day**
An Orange for Frankie
Anasi Goes to Lunch
Andy and the Lion
Aunt Chip and the Great Triple
Creek Dam Affair
Bad Day At Riverbend
Big Bad Bruce
Blueberries for Sal
Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain
Charlie the Ranch Dog
Chrysanthemum
Click Click Moo Cows That Type
Crow Boy
Diary of a Worm
Doctor DeSoto
Duke Ellington
El Chino
Give Me Half!
Goin' Someplace Special
Green Eggs and Ham
Guess How Much I Love You
Henry Hikes to Fitchburg
Hey, Al
If You Give A Mouse A Cookie
It Could Always Be Worse
John Henry
Jumanji
Make Way for Ducklings
Millions of Cats
My House Has Stars
Officer Buckle
Owen
Peter Claus & the Naughty List
Pinkilicious
Probuditi
Queen of the Falls
Rabbit Stew
Rapunzel
School Picture Day
Splish, Splash, Splat
Stellalua
Stone Soup
Strega Nona
**Sylvester and the Magic
Pebble**
The Amazing Bone
The Cobbler's Song
The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the
Wash
The Garden of Abdul Gasazi
The Ghost of Sifty Sifty Sam
The Great Kapok Tree
The Grouchy Lady Bug
The Handy Girls Can Fix It
The Kissing Hand
The Legend of the Bluebonnet
The Napping House
The Paperboy
The Polar Express
The Runaway Bunny
The Stranger
The Sweetest Fig
The Three Little Javelinas
The Very Hungry Caterpillar
The Widow's Broom
The Wonderful Towers of Watts
The Wreck of the Zephyr
The Wretched Stone
Time of Wonder
Today Was A Terrible Day
Two Bad Ants
When Washington Crossed the
Delaware
Where the Wild Things Are
**Why Mosquitoes Buzz in
People's Ears**
Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin!
Zlatech the Goat

Teacher Feature: Jill Joos

Meet Jill Joos. She teaches at Newark Charter School in Newark, Delaware. Jill teaches the core subjects (ELA, math, science, and social studies) to 24 third graders of varied abilities.

She has an interactive whiteboard in her classroom and two student computers that are used every day for many subject areas. She also has access to a mobile laptop cart that she checks out at least once a month. Her students go to a computer lab once a week for technology instruction given by one of their specialists.

This is Jill's 4th year using StarrMatica-- mostly for math and reading instruction. Here is how she uses our content in her own words:

We view many of the lessons whole class on our interactive whiteboard and then students practice the concepts on our classroom student computers.

I always have the access information in my weekly classroom news, so students can take advantage of StarrMatica at home.

I also use StarrMatica to search for science, social studies, math, and reading resources. There I find resources beyond StarrMatica making it easy to incorporate a variety of technology into my lessons.

StarrMatica solves the problem of having to search for quality resources appropriate for my students. It is quick and easy to navigate. The lessons present concepts using multiple strategies. The quality of the lessons keeps students engaged. And it also provides a means for parents to revisit concepts and practice at home.

All schools should have StarrMatica as a resource to supplement instruction in the classroom. Giving students multiple strategies for math understanding and varied reading lessons levels the playing field for students. In today's high stakes world of standards and assessments, this resource is the place for fun, engaging activities to help students find success in learning.

Our teacher features are posted on [our blog](#) and are housed on the [testimonials page](#) of our website.

Would you like to be a featured teacher? [Contact us!](#) We would love to hear about your experiences.

Need help finding that perfect digital resource? Email or call StarrMatica's digital content experts. We would be happy to help!
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*Digital Content to
Celebrate President's Day*



*Content curated by Emily "Patriotic" Starr, Your Digital Content Colleague
Click each image to visit that site. Enjoy!*

Presidential Trivia



IF YOU WERE PRESIDENT

In President, you control the great job done. The next America is yours. All help you make decisions, and often difficult, decisions.

Progressive Education is a philosophy of education that stresses the individual child, rather than the curriculum. It was developed by John Dewey and others in the early 20th century.

Dr. Teresa Thomsen is a 1998 Nobel Peace Prize laureate. She was the first woman to receive the award for her work in promoting human rights and democracy in the former Soviet Union.

Thomas Jefferson is an American statesman, diplomat, architect, philosopher, and Founding Father. He was the principal author of the Declaration of Independence and served as the third President of the United States.

Bill Dauterive is a professional football player who has played for the New York Jets and the New York Giants. He is known for his leadership and performance on the field.

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JOB APPLICATION

President of the United States of America

First Name:

Last Name:

Username:

Website:

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Portrait Puzzle: Who Am I?

Find the answer based on the information provided, and guess the name of the person in the portrait.

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Washington and Lincoln

George Washington

George Washington was the first President of the United States. He was a military leader and a statesman. He is known for his leadership during the American Revolutionary War and for his role in the founding of the nation.

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The Real Face of George Washington

George Washington Quiz

Translation: This quiz appears on both sides of the one-cent coin.

Options:

Drag and drop your choice here.



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Abraham Lincoln Quiz

Abraham Lincoln was the 16th President of the United States. He was a lawyer, politician, and orator. He is known for his leadership during the American Civil War and for his role in the abolition of slavery.

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View of Potomac Park Lincoln Memorial Site

View of Potomac Park Lincoln Memorial Site, circa 1915.

View from the Washington Monument observation level, looking west toward the Potomac River.