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This Month's New Resources

Perimeter and Area is here for K-2! To check out this new lesson, login to your account and select the K-2 button. Perimeter and Area is found in the math menu.

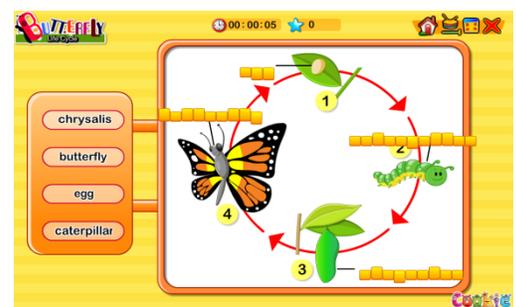
This summer, keep your eyes peeled for Colors, Subtraction, Addition, and Numbers.

Our science updates this month include 63 resources for *Living and Non Living Things* and *Life Cycles*. To access these resources, login to your teacher account and click the search tab. Then click "Search for resources by grade, subject, and topic." Select a Grade. Select Science. Then select *Living and Non-Living Things*.

Label the stages in a butterfly's lifecycle.



Help the construction workers find the perimeter of the garden to build a fence.



New Member Welcome

We welcome our newest members:

Briarwood Elementary, NC;
Radcliff Elementary, KY;
Innis Elementary, OH; and
Fairwood Elementary, OH



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Important!

New Classroom Management Button

This morning, there was an important change to your teacher member page.

To access our new classroom management system, click the Classroom Management button.



The old classroom management system can still be accessed by clicking the link below the button. The old system will be available until June 30th.



[Click to access OLD Classroom Management](#)
(Available Until 6/30/2012)

StarrMatica's Featured Content

Cash Register

The Money topic in StarrMatica's 3rd-6th grade content contains an activity called *Farmer Joe's Cash Register Change*. Students assume the role of a worker at the farmer's market and are asked to accept payments and make change for the farmer's customers.

This activity works well for individual students to practice making change in classrooms without access to play money. Students are able to practice their skills in a simulated real life situation.

The activity is also a time saver for classrooms with interactive whiteboards. Teachers can conduct whole class practice without having to take the time to create a lesson. As a bonus, the activity includes realistic animations and sound effects.



Summer Backpack

Do you have individual student accounts? If so, why not use our student backpack feature to share content that will keep your students' minds sharp over the summer. From your teacher account, create collections for June, July, and August and share them with your current students. Or coordinate with the teacher of your incoming class to use her account to share collections with your new students. Directions for creating and sharing collections are found on [pages 16-17 of our classroom management membership guide.](#)



Cool Tools Summer Round Up

If you are a new StarrMatica member, you may have missed out on some of the Cool Web Tools shared in our previous newsletters. If you are a veteran, you may have just been too busy during the school year to check them out. That's why we've rounded up some of our favorites from past issues for this newsletter in the hopes that over the summer you will have a few spare moments to explore! (And a few spare moments to just relax!)



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<http://www.starrmatica.com/newsletter/jan11.pdf> Online Brainstorming
<http://www.starrmatica.com/newsletter/nov10.pdf> Fantastic Contraption
<http://www.starrmatica.com/newsletter/sep10.pdf> Scoreboards

Summer Continuing Education



You may be starting summer vacation, but at StarrMatica we never take a break from helping you use interactive content in the classroom. This summer join us for one of our popular weekly webinars to learn how to use StarrMatica's content in even more ways in your classroom.

- *Manipulative Mania: Using Virtual Manipulatives in Math*
- *Interactive Integration Ideas*
- *Bloom's Taxonomy for a Digital Age*

Do you have individual student accounts but haven't had time to dive in and learn everything our new Classroom Management System has to offer? Become a pro this summer by taking one of our *Classroom Management 2.0* classes.

[View class descriptions, check out scheduled times, and register HERE.](#)