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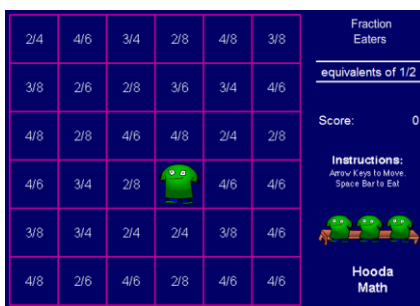


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This Month's New Resources

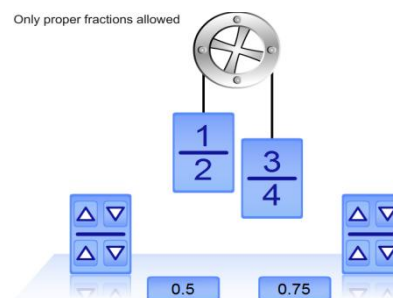
Our Fractions, Algebra I, and Algebra II resources sections received updates this month. Check out new Fractions resources #2, #11, #13, #21, #24, #25, #32, #52, 66, #72, #84, #88 ; new Algebra I resources #17, #24, #25, #46, #47, #48, #49, #50, #62, #63, #64 and #88; and new Algebra II resources #8, #10, #11, #12 and #27

#21: Compare two fractions with a visual scale.



#84: Munch the equivalent fractions with Fraction Eaters

NOTE: The website *fractionbars.com* has been down periodically. Please be aware as you plan your lessons that those links are not consistently active.



StarrMatica In The News

StarrMatica's Founder and CEO, Emily Starr, has been named Iowa's Neal Smith Entrepreneur of the Year. The award will be presented in a special ceremony on February 23, 2011 at the State Capitol in Des Moines. [Entrepreneur of the Year Announcement](#)

Website Spotlight

This game is packed with logical thinking and problem solving challenges. Be sure to start at the beginning for directions. (Note: This site is *not* advertisement free.)

<http://fantasticcontraption.net>

<http://www.fantasticcontraption.net/fantastic-contraption-2.php>



Meet M. Michael Brothers

I am thrilled to introduce you to M. Michael Brothers our new National Sales Manager. Mike brings to StarrMatica years of experience working with administrators and educators on innovative technology solutions. Mike likes helping educators have an even greater impact on their students. He enjoys golf, fishing, college football, and anything involving his wife and family. Mike also volunteers time to Autism Speaks, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Canine Companions, and his local school district.

StarrMatica Feature

StarrMatica's inference practice section includes a full length video game named: *The Lost Tablet*. Students navigate their way through a fantastical world by battling monsters, solving puzzles, and answering dozens of inference questions.

This is a perfect example of a game where students are practicing an important skill without realizing it since the questions are relevant to advancing the game.

This activity is best used by individual students on computers. There is no save feature, so you will want to allow at least an hour for students to complete their quest! The Lost Tablet is great to take advantage of the day before holiday breaks when it is often harder for students (and teachers!) to stay focused.



New Member Welcome

We welcome our newest member: Preston Schools, IA



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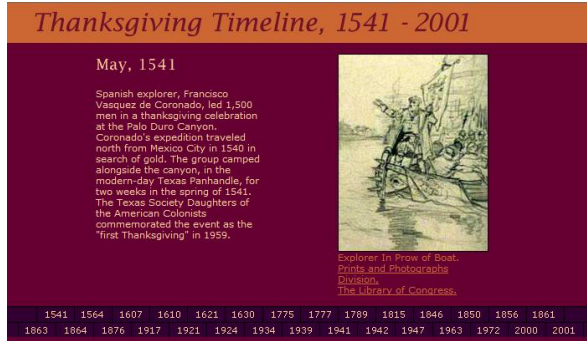
[Bloom's Taxonomy 2](#)

Special Holiday Insert

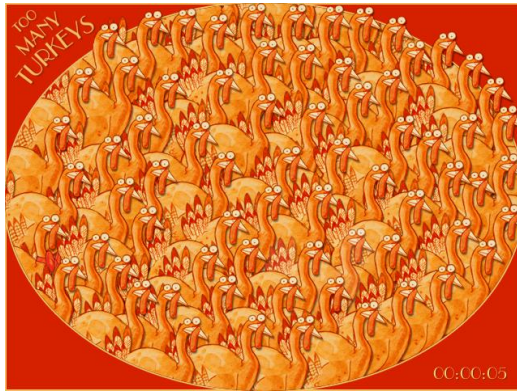
Interactive Activities for Thanksgiving

(Click the images below to visit the sites.)

Explore the 1st Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving Timeline



Talk Like A Pilgrim

Talk like a "Pilgrim"

"Good Morrow" "How Do You Fare?"

The English Colonists at Plymouth (many people call them "Pilgrims" today) talked a little differently than we do today. If you visit our 1627 English Village here at the museum, you might notice that the townspeople say words you know in a funny way, or even say some words you don't know at all! That's because they are speaking in 17th-century English, not 21st-century modern English. Here are a few examples of English words, greetings and phrases that might be used back then. Practice them at home and you could talk like a Pilgrim too!

Instead of "Hi, how are you?" the colonists might say:

"Good morrow" Press to listen

Dress The Silly Turkey



Too Many Turkeys



Create A Thankful Card



You Are The Historian

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