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Monthly Newsletter

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This Month's New Resources

This month, *Vocabulary* will be added to StarrMatica's K-2 lessons! This lesson will launch *Friday, November 30th*. Be sure to check out the *Teacher Tool: Vocabulary Wheels*. Challenge your students to find matching pairs of compound words, contractions, synonyms, antonyms, homonyms, homophones, and homographs.

And don't miss the chance to score a home run in the one player or two player game *Vocabulary Baseball* where your knowledge of homonyms, homophones, and homographs is put to the test.
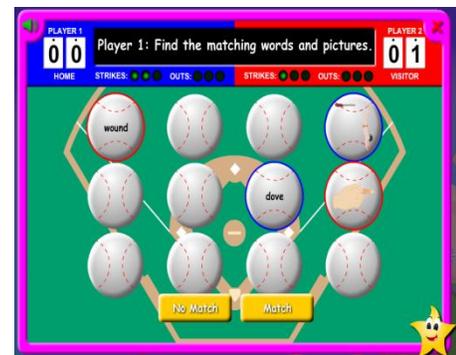
To access these resources, login and choose *K-2 Lessons*. Then choose *Vocabulary* from the Reading menu.

New Member Welcome

We welcome our newest members:

Tri-County Schools, IA;
West Central Valley Schools, IA;
and Agnor Hurt Elementary, VA

Welcome!

Grant Alert!

Have you been looking for a grant to fund technology in your classroom? Look no further! Our partners at Proven Learning have compiled a comprehensive list of education grant sources here:

http://www.provenlearning.com/provenspace/entry/grants

StarrMatica Spotlight

Are you challenging your students to use their critical thinking skills and to problem solve? StarrMatica's *Experimental Results* animation in our 3-6 probability lesson will help you guide your students to draw conclusions about the relationship between theoretical probability and experimental probability.

Students conduct two probability experiments. One is for 10 trials and the other is for 100 trials. Students then compare the theoretical results with the actual results from both experiments and use that data to draw conclusions about probability. Best of all, the experiments are random, so each time you conduct the same experiment, your results will be different. This allows you to further analyze results across several experiments to substantiate or disprove a conclusion.
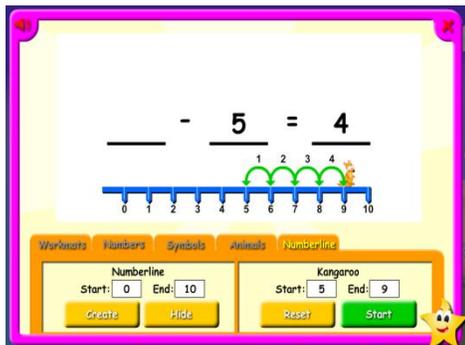
Students often need help visualizing math problems in order to understand their underlying concepts. StarrMatica's K-2 Teacher Tools (available in every K-2 lesson) are manipulatives designed to help teachers "show" problems to their students. Our latest math manipulative *Subtraction Toolbox* includes a customizable number line so you can create math problems and solve them using the number line. In this way your students can "see" what each number in a subtraction problem means as it is put into action on the number line.

Special Holiday Insert

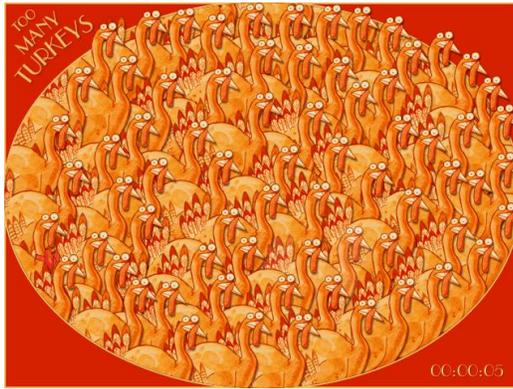*Interactive Activities for Thanksgiving*

(Click the images below to visit the sites.)

Explore the 1st Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Timeline

Talk Like A Pilgrim

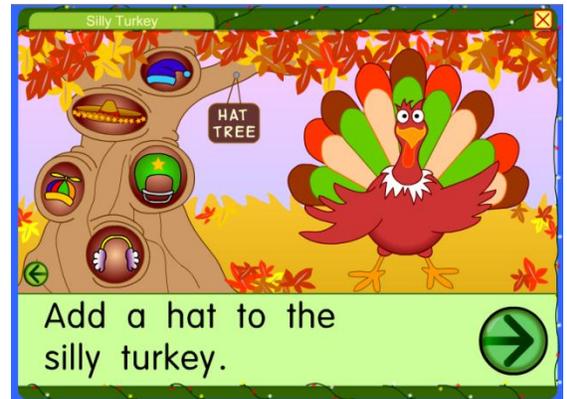### Too Many Turkeys

Dress The Silly Turkey

You Are The Historian

Create A Thankful Card

Click Here For A Student Guide