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This Month's New Resources

This month's resource updates include 25 new science resources for exploring simple machines and inventions.

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. Then select Science.



#2: *Can you find all 16 NASA spinoffs in the garage?*



#18: *Build simple and compound machines*

StarrMatica In The News

StarrMatica recently received a Google Uptick Award! You can read about this award and watch the resulting video about StarrMatica here:

<http://www.educationnews.org/technology/former-iowa-teacher-wins-google-uptick-award-for-starmatica>

New Member Welcome

We welcome our newest members from Maquoketa, IA; Camanche, IA; and Clinton, IA.



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Us On Twitter*



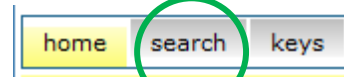
*Browse Our
Blogs:
IWI and ICC*



*Explore Our
YouTube
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Search Upgrades

StarrMatica's search feature received several helpful upgrades last month. To access StarrMatica's search, login as a teacher and click the "search" tab instead of clicking "Lessons".



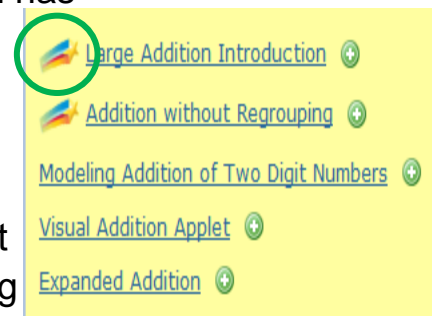
You are able to search StarrMatica's content by state standards; by grade level, subject and topic; *and now by textbook curriculums.* The first phase of text book alignments includes several grade levels of Everyday Math and Math Trailblazers. We will continue these alignments next month. Don't see your textbook listed? [Drop us a note](#) and we'll align it next!

Browse resources by **textbooks.**



Available for grades K-6.

The list of aligned resources shown after any search has expanded to include direct links to StarrMatica activities. Our activities are listed at the top of each section and are labeled with a shooting star symbol. Clicking a StarrMatica direct link will take you to that activity in StarrMatica's user interface. If you are not logged in, you will be prompted to do so before being directed back to your selected activity.



When you expand a resource to view additional details, each description now includes a navigation path to that resource in StarrMatica's interface. The navigation path tells the topic to choose from the index, the gear to choose, and the name of the link to click. This will allow you to more easily direct your students to content in the student interface that you locate in the teacher search.

Modeling Addition of Two Digit Numbers



Enter an addition problem. The base ten blocks are displayed along with the answer. The base ten blocks are in action.

StarrMatica Navigation:

Large Addition » Resources » #3



Facebook Highlights

eInstruction Contest

Calculation Nation



Twitter Highlights

The 100 District Project

Dish It Out Challenge



Blog Highlights

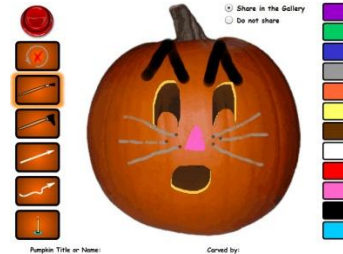
Construction Problem Solving

Added Value of Virtual Manipulatives

Special Holiday Insert

Interactive Activities for Halloween

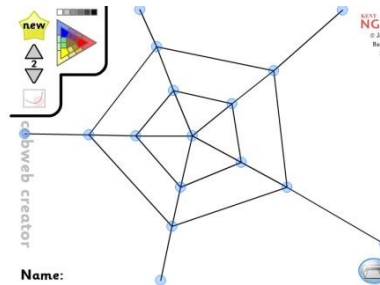
(Click the images below to visit the sites.)



Carve A Pumpkin

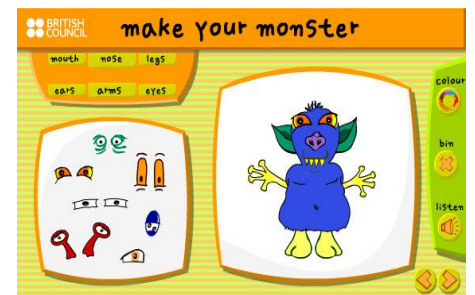


Create A Cob Web



Haunted House Scavenger Hunt

Halloween Safety Game

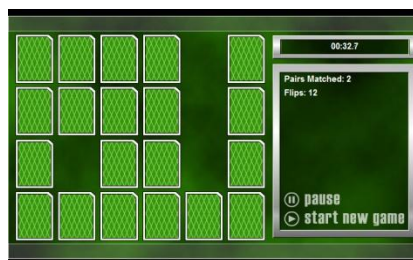


Create A Costume

Whack A Ghoul

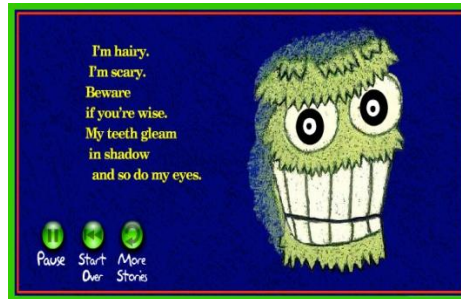


Halloween Concentration





Halloween Stories



More Halloween Stories!

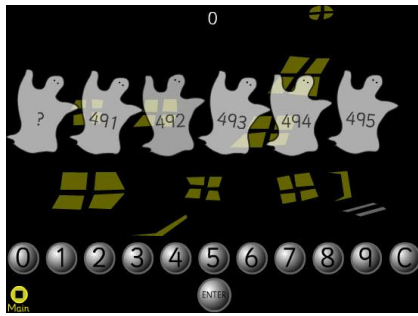


Pumpkin Candy Calorie Meter



Haunted House Hide And Seek





Spooky Sequences

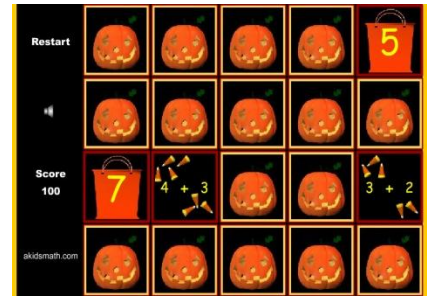
Many of these resources were found via these three wonderful blogs:

[Teachers Love Smartboards](#)

[InTech Nights](#)

[Wednesdays With Sam](#)

Halloween Math



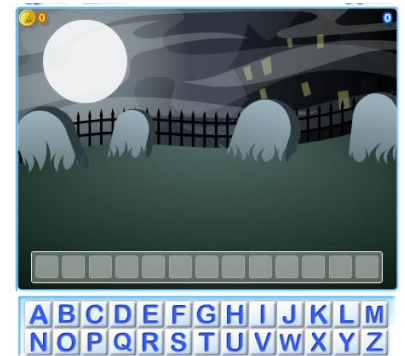
Candy Corn Addition



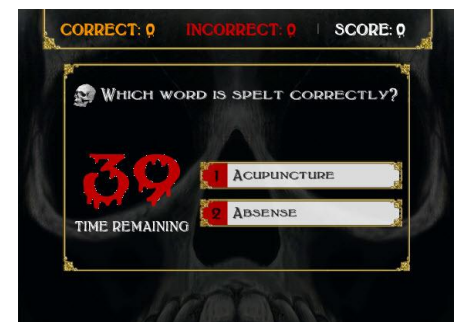
Tombstone Timeout



Halloween Language Arts



Castle Dracula Adjectives



Spelloween