Monthly Newsletter

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New K-2 Lesson!

The Alphabet

A new K-2 StarrMatica Lesson was launched last month: *The Alphabet*. To access the new lesson, login to your teacher account and choose the K-2 button. Then choose the Reading castle and *The Alphabet* as your topic. Be sure to check out one of our favorites listed below.
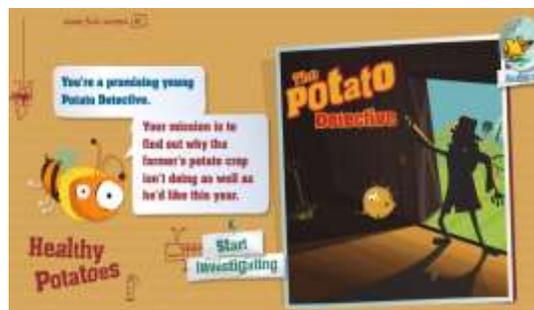
Sound Search

Search the universe for an object whose name begins with the sound you hear.

New Science Content

Plants

Last month a new science topic group was added: *Plants*. Content is grouped into three topics: *Plants, Photosynthesis*, and *Flowers*. To access these resources, login to your teacher account and choose the search button, or choose the links tab in your classroom management account. Under the topics search, choose *Science, Plants*. Be sure to check out one of our favorites listed below.

The Potato Detective

Answer questions in this online board game to help the farmer figure out why his potato crop isn't doing well this year.

Collections Updates

Last month, updates were made to the way your Collections are organized. When creating a collection, you are now prompted to select one or more *subjects* and one or more *grades*. These new selection options along with our display upgrade will help you to more easily sort your list of collections *and* the list of public collections to quickly find the collections that best fit your needs. Here's a quick overview:

Click a column heading to sort Collections in different ways. This list is currently sorted alphabetically by title, but I could click Subjects or Grades to sort by those criteria.

▦ My Collections

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Title ▲	Assigned To	Expiration	Public	Subjects	Grades	
Addition	5 Students	(none)	Yes	Math	1st	⊖
Addition 4	2 Students	(none)	No	Math	2nd	⊖
Addition 10	4 Students	(none)	Yes	Math	1st	⊖
Addition 2	2 Students	(none)	Yes	Math	2nd	⊖
Comparing Decimals	3 Students	09/07/2013	Yes			⊖
Content Ideas	(none)	(none)	Yes			⊖
Coordinates	3 Students	(none)	Yes			⊖
Decimals	5 Students	(none)	Yes			⊖
Decimals 2	8 Groups	(none)	Yes	Math	5th	⊖
Decimals Collection	3 Students	(none)	Yes			⊖

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Ten collections are displayed at one time. Use the navigation links to page through all of your Collections.

Cool Web Tools

Would you like your students to have access to picture books online? How about picture books online that include audio?? How about picture books online that include audio that are free??? *Oxford Owl* has a large selection of free ebooks that include audio and accompanying activities. Registration is required, but once you are signed in, you can enjoy reading any of the books with the yellow "e".

http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/home/reading-owl/find-a-book/library-page

We Give Books is another great site from the Pearson Foundation that allows access to picture books online. While there is no audio included, the site's collection provides the opportunity for you to enhance your classroom library with ebooks. Registration is also required.

http://www.wegivebooks.org/books

Teacher Feature: Billy Strickler

Meet Billy Strickler. He is in his 8th year of teaching 4th grade students at Washington Elementary in Fairfield, Iowa. Billy has a great group of 19 students this year. He has a Mimio interactive whiteboard in his classroom, access to the school's computer lab twice a week, and access to two MacBook computer carts with 25 computers each that he schedules to use almost daily. Billy has been using StarrMatica in his classroom for the past six years. Here is how he uses our content in his own words:

StarrMatica allows a more kid-friendly approach to concepts, especially ones that might be a little difficult.

I use it to lecture in a more engaging way than me standing at the front and talking.

I can place activities and games in individualized backpacks that my students can work on to better their skills in areas they need to improve. Students can do this on their own during center time, free time, or even at home.

Kids enjoy the games and activities and I never have to worry about engagement. ***I have kids taking more ownership of their learning, because they will work on things at home using StarrMatica.***

I have started to use StarrMatica in every area, as they have a great search and find component built in. It is a quick way to find engaging activities for my kids, using technology. ***Instead of having to go out and just search and search for things to fit all of my areas, I can go to one website and do it all in half the time.*** *Teachers are always struggling for time, and this helps alleviate that stress. And I know that all of these activities and games are aligned to the Iowa and Common Core. StarrMatica just makes things easier for the teacher.*

This is a website that I trust my students to use. *I know the activities and games are going to work and will be there the next time I want to use them. It gives every kid, no matter their skill level, a chance to succeed. It gives teachers a chance to differentiate without having to search on their own to find websites that meet each students' learning abilities. I fully support StarrMatica and highly encourage everyone to use it.*

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!
info@starrmatica.com ⭐ 563-219-2111

Haunted Digital Content for Halloween Fun

Carve A Pumpkin

Enjoy A Spooky Story

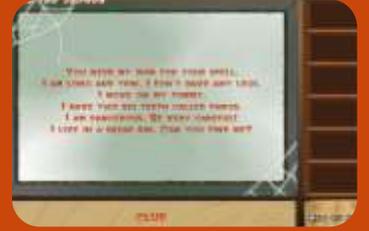# Master Monster Math

Explore Creepy Language Arts

Create a Card
or Costume

Play a Halloween Game

Play a Halloween Game

Sing a Song or Create a Cobweb