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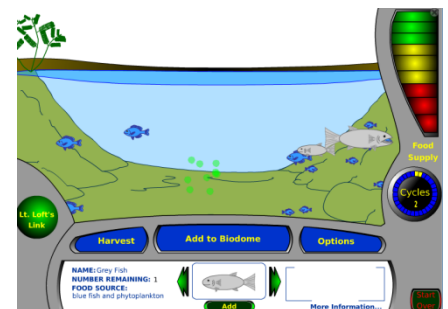
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This Month's New Resources

As one of the many summer updates featured in this newsletter, we continued our science resources additions with 116 new science resources for exploring Food Chains, Food Webs, Habitats and Biomes.

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 as your subject.

Ecologization: Use your knowledge of organisms to construct a biodome on another planet. Can you establish a successful self-sustaining food chain?



Build An Online Habitat: Make all elements of each online habitat compatible. How many animals can you make happy?

LINK ALERT! Nwgl.com and quizville.com are offline for maintenance. We have not deleted those links from our resources sections as the sites should be back online in November. As you browse our library, be aware that links coming from those sites are currently inactive.

K-2 Content In Production

Our new K-2 content is in production! We will debut the new interface and the first activities on our Facebook page over the next few months. Head over to [Facebook](#) now and check out our StarrMatica Star characters. (Some of which are featured in the newsletter heading.) Share a suggestion for naming them and “like” our page while you are there to get exclusive first access to our new activities—even before they are live on StarrMatica!

(K-2 Teachers, don't forget--you already have access to 1,500 K-2 reading and math resources under the Subject, Grade Level and Topic search!)

New Website Walk Through

In July, we launched our new website to better help our customers quickly locate support. We invite you to explore the entire site, but here is a brief walk-through of two new pages that will be helpful to you.



The [Professional Development](#) page includes:

- Video Tutorials
- Monthly Newsletter Sign Up
- A Membership Guide (User Manual)
- Content Integration Tips
- Parent Directions
- An Assignment Sheet
- A Topics List (This lists the concepts covered in each reading and math lesson.)
- A video sharing ideas for Using StarrMatica to Create Interactive Whiteboard Lessons.

The [Interactive Tech page](#), accessible from the Administrators and Teachers pages, explains how StarrMatica can be used with interactive technologies,

Social media links to StarrMatica's Facebook Page, Twitter Page and Blogs are found at the bottom of the website along with a link to our Kids' Page.



State Standards Updates

Over the summer we continued our State Standards alignment project. Online states include: The Common Core, Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia.

Arcademic Skill Builders

Looking for a fun back-to-school review game for basic facts? Check out the games at arcademicskillbuilders.com Students answer basic facts questions as quickly as possible to power forward their jet ski, race car, or space ship. Many of the basic facts games allow students to compete online with students in other parts of the world. You can even set up private games online so your students can compete against each other.

These activities are linked in the resources section of StarrMatica's basic facts lessons. So, take an afternoon and head into the computer lab for a session of basic facts review with friendly, fun competition.



Blog Browsing

The beginning of the school year is a time when many teachers are looking for new ideas to “spice up” a lesson or to engage kids in a new way. The interactive content shared on our two blogs may be just what you are looking for. The latest [Interactive Content Corner](#) post shares nine hurricane interactives to help explain current weather events to your students.

[Interactive Whiteboard Insights](#) is in the middle of a seven part series sharing how to use virtual manipulatives in math, and a discussion of Android vs iPad is slated for October. The latest blog posts are featured at the end of each month's newsletter.

Missing an issue? Past issues of our newsletter packed with interesting, online interactive content can be viewed by [CLICKING HERE](#).



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