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We constantly have kits in various levels of development, so please keep checking back to see what is new!
Grades: K   1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8

Kindergarten
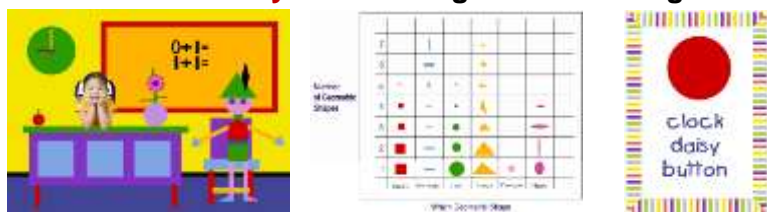back to top of catalog

Geometry Friends – Creating and personifying geometry friends

"Our principal has invited the students from Geoville to join us in our classroom. We want to make them feel welcome, so…"
~ **Math, Literacy, Technology, Oral Presentation. Aligns with most of the kindergarten CCSS for Writing, Speaking & Listening, Language, and Math!**

Geoville Elementary – Immersing students in a geometric world

"Our friends from Geoville enjoyed coming to our school so much that they have asked their principal if we can visit them. It will be an exciting opportunity…
~ **Math, Literacy, Technology, Oral Presentation. Aligns with most of the kindergarten CCSS for Writing, Speaking & Listening, Language, and Math!**

Animal Babies

In development – will be studying farm animals and the names of their babies. Will learn how many babies that each farm animal might be able to have in a year and use those numbers to create graphs and work on counting.

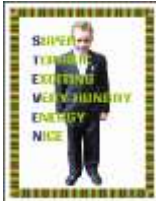~ **Science, Math, Literacy, Social Studies, Technology, Oral Presentation**

First Grade

The Animal Inside Me – Creating a family album with the animals that relate to our inner selves.

"Did you know that we are animals? As human beings we are part of the animal kingdom just like…"
~ Literacy, Science, Social Studies, Technology, Oral Presentation -- Covers most of the 1th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language!

Acrostic Poem – 21st century twist on the beloved acrostic poem

In Development – Can be done as a Mother's Day gift, this acrostic poem comes to life with the student's photo and becomes a frameable gift with the beautiful colored text and ribbon frames. Will be developed further…
~ Literacy, Technology, Oral Presentation

Second Grade

This is My Book! – Researching my most fascinating topic – Me!

*"How well do **you** really know the story of you? Well, now you will have the chance to learn things about your life that even you didn't know…."*
~ Social Studies, Literacy, Technology, Oral Presentation - – Covers most of the 2nd grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language!

Q&A Animal Book – Students experts publish the answers to questions about our favorite animals
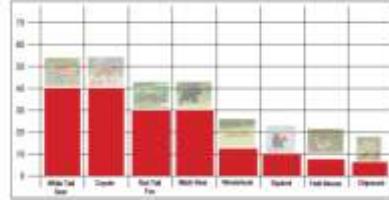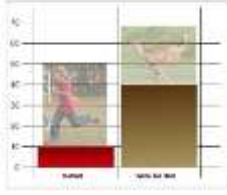

"Our school board has appropriated special funding for our elementary school. We are going to have a zoo!! The big question however is…"
~ Science, Literacy, Technology, Oral Presentation -- Covers most of the 2nd grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language!

Third Grade

Animal Olympics - **Studying the capabilities and competition of the animal kingdom**

"In our current world of diversity, it is being debated as to whether animals should be allowed to participate in the summer Olympics! Representatives from the farm/ domestic, forest and jungle animals have met with the Chairman…"
~ Science, Math, Social Studies, Literacy, Technology, Oral Presentation -- Covers most of the 3rd grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language, plus several math standards!

The State of My State – Learning all about my home state

"The tourist board of our state has contacted our class asking for help in creating their new marketing campaign to attract new visitors. Our state has so many…"
~ Social Studies, Science, Math, Literacy, Technology, Oral Presentation - – Covers most of the 3th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language!
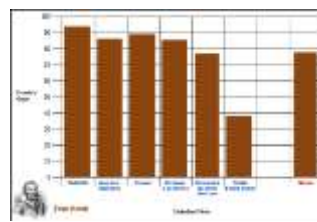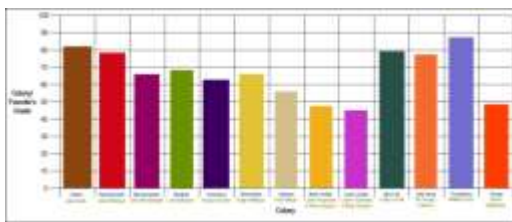
Fourth Grade

My Life as an American Patriot – Studying the American Revolutionary War with digital time travel

"A famous Hollywood producer and his production team are planning to come to our area to film his new movie about the American Revolution. His casting director wants to audition 4th grade students from across the area to play…"
~ Social Studies, Literacy, Technology, Oral Presentation – Covers all of the 4th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language!

Founding the Thirteen Colonies – Analyzing the strengths & weaknesses in the foundation of our nation

"The year is 1733 and you have been chosen by King George II of England to be part of a special envoy that will be sent to the New World to assess the state of the colonies. He especially wants you to…"
~ Social Studies, Literacy, Math, Technology, Oral Presentation – Covers all of the 4th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing and Speaking & Listening, plus 5 Math standards!

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The Election Quilt – Stitching up our understanding of the election process

"The Smithsonian Museum has commissioned an election-themed quilt to be made by our class. They will be displaying it…"
~ Social Studies, Literacy, Technology, Oral Presentation – Covers most of the 4th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language!

Do Animals Think?

In Development – This will be a study on at least 3 types of animals and analyzing the question of "Do Animals Think" from the perspective of their human-like characteristics.

~ Science, Literacy, Technology, Oral Presentation -- Covers most of the 1th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language!

Fifth Grade

Electing a Historical President – A study of past presidents, the election system & what is needed in a president today

"The American people are determined to choose the right president to lead their country in the upcoming election, but it doesn't seem like they have enough choices in the modern day political arena. Thankfully, American scientists have just discovered a way to bring special people back to life…"
~ Social Studies, Literacy, Math, Technology, Oral Presentation - – Covers most of the 5th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language!

Summer Vacation Timeline -- Students transform their vacation into a lesson on sequential time

"A national magazine is running a feature on American children and how they spend their summers. They will be choosing ten10-year-old students from across the country to…"
~ Literacy, Math, Social Studies, Technology, Oral Presentation -- Covers most of the 5th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language!
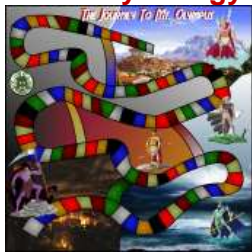
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Sixth Grade

Where in the World is…? – Creating a generation of digital world travelers

"A major travel magazine is running a special feature entitled, Where in the World is…? They are commissioning young writers to travel to…"

~ **Social Studies, Science, Literacy, Technology, Oral Presentation – Covers most of the 6th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, Language, and Literacy in Social Studies!**

Greek Mythology – Design a board game to play with the gods

In Development

~ **Literacy, Literature, Social Studies, Technology, Oral Presentation -- Covers most of the 6th grade CCSS for Reading of Literature, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language!**

The Solar System – Traveling through our solar system without losing contact with Mom!

In Development

~ **Science, Math, Literacy, Technology, Oral Presentation**

Seventh Grade

What Does My Brain Do All Day? – A Study of the brain, the different parts and what controls what

"There is mumbling in the teacher's lounge and you may have even heard bits and pieces at home. Adults are starting to wonder what a 12-13 year-old brain does all day…"

~ **Science, Math, Literacy, Technology, Oral Presentations -- covers most of the 7th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, Language, and Literacy in Science & Technical Subjects!**

8/25/2012

Electing a Historical President – **Delve into the election process, while studying past presidents**

In Development - Will delve deeper into the election process, including the electoral congress, while studying past presidents.
~ Social Studies, Literacy, Math, Technology, Oral Presentation -- Covers most of the7th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, Language, and Literacy in History/ Social Studies!

Oral Historians of the Revolutionary War -- Reveal the complex relationships of Colonial American Society

"There is major unrest in the Thirteen Colonies of the New World. The colonists are beginning to rebel against British rule and it might even lead to war! It seems as if history is being made and it is our job to record it! We are oral historians…"
~ Social Studies, Literacy, Math, Technology, Oral Presentation -- Covers most of the 7th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, Language, and Literacy in History/ Social Studies!

Eighth Grade   **back to top of catalog**

Help Wanted – A Gem of a Personality! – Learning the characteristics of gems & minerals

"The American Gemological Institute of America is hiring! They are looking for enthusiastic gemstones to…"
~ Science, Literacy, Math, Technology, Oral Presentation -- Covers most of the 8th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, Language, and Literacy in Science & Technical Subjects!

My Day -- Reinforcing arithmetic while comparing American schedules to those of other nations

"The Sociology Department of a major university in our area needs our class to help them gather data and analyze the results for an important cultural study. They want to know what we do all day! …
~Math, Social Studies, Literacy, Technology, Oral Presentation -- -- Covers most of the 8th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language, plus some math standards!