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We constantly have kits in various levels of development, so please keep checking back to see what is new!

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Kindergarten

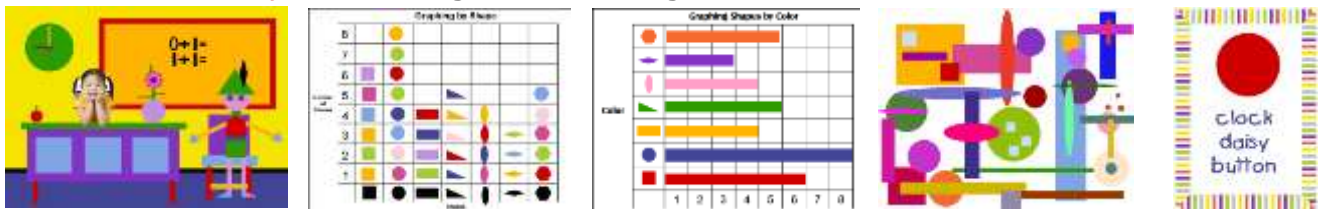
Geometry Friends – Creating and personifying geometry friends Famis# 800299310



“Our principal has invited the students from Geoville to join us in our classroom! We want to make them feel welcome, so...”

~ Math, Language Arts, 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 Famis# 800299442



“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, Language Arts, Technology, Oral Presentation. Aligns with most of the kindergarten CCSS for Writing, Speaking & Listening, Language, and Math!

First Grade

The Animal Inside Me – Creating a family album with the animals that relate to our inner selves. Famis# 800299329



“Did you know that we are animals? As human beings we are part of the animal kingdom just like...”
~ Language Arts, Science, Technology, Oral Presentation -- Covers most of the 1th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Reading: Foundational Skills, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language; and several important Core Curriculum Science standards!

Down on the Farm – Learning about the foods that make us healthy and strong. Famis# 800299426



“The Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) groups in our state have asked us to become honorary farmers and create a presentation for younger children to show off the fresh fruit and vegetable crops...”
~ Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Math, Health, Technology, Oral Presentation – Our most comprehensive cross-curriculum kit. Covers most of the 1st grade CCSS for Reading Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language; many Key Ideas and Content Specifications from the NYS Framework for Social Studies; many NYS Core Curriculum Science standards; plus some CCSS in Math!

Second Grade

Get a Job! – Careers in our community. Famis# 800312147



Our town’s Chamber of Commerce is asking us to host a Job Fair! The purpose of the Job Fair is to show the importance, diversity, and interdependence of the jobs...

~ Language Arts, Social Studies, Technology, Oral Presentation, Life Skills – Aligns with most of the 2nd grade CCSS for Reading: Informational Text, Reading: Foundation Skills, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language. Incorporates the Practices and Covers several of the Key Ideas and Content Specifications of the NYS Social Studies Framework.

This is My Book! – Researching my most fascinating topic – Me! Famis# 800299337



“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, Language Arts, Math, Technology, Oral Presentation – Covers most of the 2nd grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language; covers many of the Key Ideas and Content Specifications of the NYS Social Studies Framework; plus CCSS Math standards!

I Want to Live in the Zoo – Student experts publish the answers to questions about our favorite animals. **Famis# 800312155**



“Our school board has appropriated special funding for our elementary school. We are going to have a zoo!! The big question however is...”

~ Science, Language Arts, Technology, Oral Presentation -- Covers most of the 2nd grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language; and many standards from NYS Core Curriculum Science!

The Edible Economy – Learning how food is an important part of the national, state, and local economies.

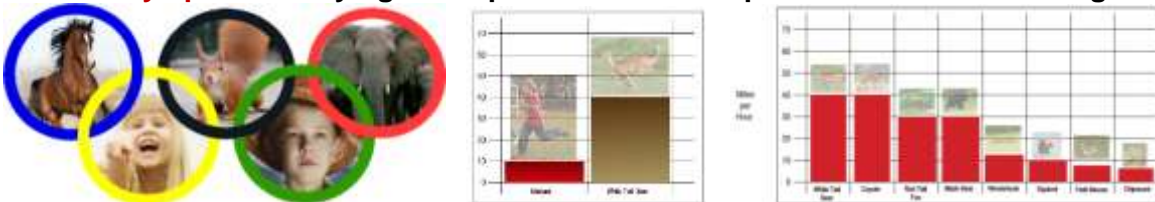


“The Federal Food and Drug Administration needs to update its data on the role of food in society. They have asked our second grade class to...”

~ Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Technology, Oral Presentation -- Covers most of the 2nd grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language; many Key Ideas and Content Specifications from the NYS Framework for Social Studies; many NYS Core Curriculum Science standards; plus some CCSS in Math!

Third Grade

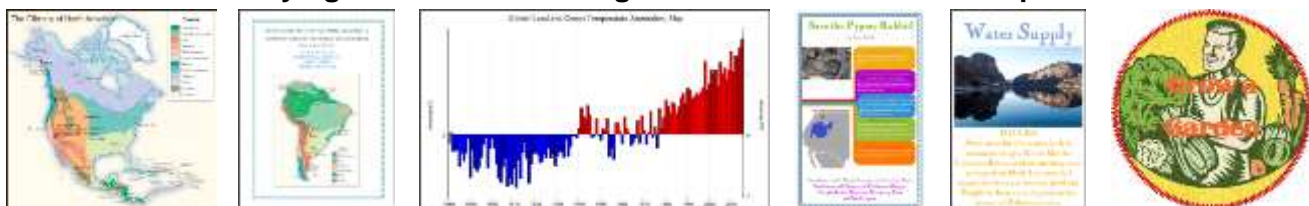
Animal Olympics - Studying the capabilities and competition of the animal kingdom **Famis# 800299345**



“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, Language Arts, Technology, Oral Presentation -- Covers most of the 3rd grade CCSS for Reading Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language; many NYS Core Curriculum for Science standards; plus several CCSS math standards!

Let's Cool It! – Studying world climate change and what we can do to help **Famis# 800312163**



“The United Nations holds a yearly conference about global climate change and what can be done about it. We have been invited to research and present our own findings...”

~ Science, Language Arts, Technology, Oral Presentation -- Covers most of the 3rd grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language!

The Global Food Bowl – Comparing and contrasting food production and consumption around the world.



“The United Nations has formed a committee to study the production of food around the world. They have asked our third graders to be part of the committee. It is very important...”

~ Science, Language Arts, Technology, Oral Presentation -- Covers most of the 3rd grade CCSS for Reading Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language; many Key Ideas and Content Specifications from the NYS Framework for Social Studies; and many NYS Core Curriculum Science standards!

Fourth Grade

Discovering Colonial America – New York Edition – The foundation of our union [Famis# 800312171](#)



“The year is 1670 and you have been chosen by King Charles II of England’s brother, Prince James, to be part of a special envoy that will be sent to the New World to assess the state of the colonies. You know him as the Duke of York. ...”

~ Social Studies, Language Arts, Math, Technology, Oral Presentation – Covers all of the 4th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language; several Math standards; and important Key Ideas and Content Specifications from the NYS Social Studies Framework!

My Life as an American Patriot – Studying the American Revolutionary War with digital time travel [Famis# 800299353](#)



“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 to play...”

~ Social Studies, Language Arts, Technology, Oral Presentation – Covers all of the 4th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language; and many important Key Ideas and Content Specifications from the NYS Framework for Social Studies!

The Election Quilt – Stitching up our understanding of the election process [Famis# 80029937X](#)



“The Smithsonian Museum has commissioned an election-themed quilt to be made by our class. They will be displaying it...”

~ Social Studies, Language Arts, Technology, Oral Presentation – Covers most of the 4th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language; and important Key Ideas and Content Specifications from the NYS Social Studies Framework!

Fifth Grade

Electing a Historical President – A study of past presidents, the election system & what is needed in a president today **Famis# 800299388**



“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, Language Arts, Math, Technology, Oral Presentation** - – Covers most of the 5th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language; and important Key Ideas and Content Specifications from the NYS Social Studies Framework!

My Personal Timeline -- Students transform their lives into a lesson on sequential time **Famis# 800299396**



“An international newspaper is running a feature on American children and how they spend their time. They will be featuring several fifth graders from across the country to...”

~ **Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Technology, Oral Presentation** -- Covers most of the 5th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language; important Social Studies Practices from the NYS Framework; plus some CCSS math!

The Cultured Tourist – Exploring the Cultures of the Americas **Famis# 80031218X**



“Your class is going into the adventure business, tourism that is, and you will be establishing a tourist agency! Your agency will specialize in travel throughout the Western Hemisphere...”

~ **Language Arts, Social Studies, Technology, Oral Presentation, Life Skills** -- Covers most of the 5th grade CCSS for Reading Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language; and several of the NYS Social Studies Framework Key Ideas and Content Specifications!

Sixth Grade

Encountering the East – Digital time travel to the Eastern Hemisphere from early humans to modern day **Famis# 800312198**



“A major travel magazine is running a special feature entitled, Where in the World is...? They are commissioning young writers to travel to the Eastern Hemisphere...”

~ **Social Studies, Language Arts, Technology, Oral Presentation** – Covers ALL of the NYS Social Studies Framework Key Ideas and Content Specifications for 6th grade and most of the CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, Language, and Literacy in Social Studies!

Timeless Travelers – Explorers, adventurers, sojourners, and forced travelers of the Eastern Hemisphere **Famis# 800312201**



“The editor of GST Timeless magazine is looking to begin a new series of special editions entitled “Timeless Travelers of the Year” and they want our class to be involved. The idea behind the series is to highlight the most important...”

~ **Social Studies, Language Arts, Technology, Oral Presentation – Covers most of the 6th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, Language, and Literacy in Social Studies; and many of the NYS Social Studies Framework Key Ideas and Content Specifications!**

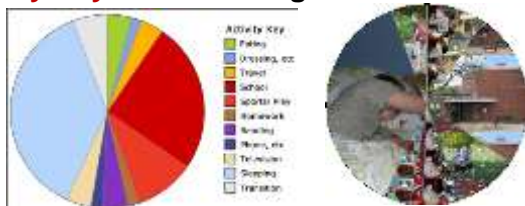
Playing with the Gods – Developing fictional and technical writing skills while designing a Greek Mythology Game **Famis# 80031221X**



“The New Game Development Director of a major game company is interested in creating a Greek Mythology game to market nationally to U.S. schools. Out of all the schools in the area, our sixth grade class was chosen to...”

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

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, Language Arts, Technology, Oral Presentation, Life Skills -- Covers most of the 6th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language, plus some math standards!**

Seventh and Eighth 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, Language Arts, Technology, Oral Presentations -- covers most of the 7th and 8th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, Language, and Literacy in Science & Technical Subjects; plus many of the important NYS Core Curriculum for Science standards!**

Get Ready, Get Set, Succeed! – Leading students along their career pathways

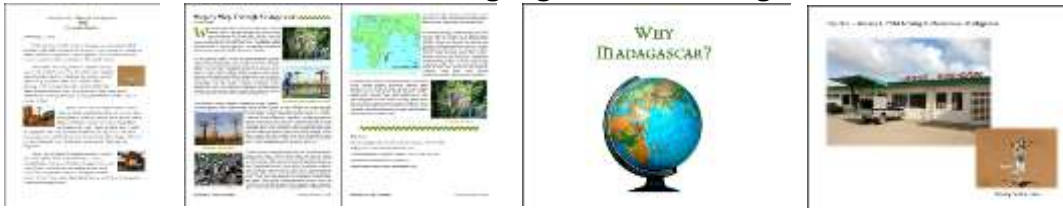


“You are now the proud parent of a 7th grader at your middle school. You’ve been asked by your son or daughter to come in to speak about your career at the annual Career Day. In order to do this, you will revisit all the steps you took to get to this point in your career...”

~ Language Arts, Technology, Oral Presentation, Life Skills -- Covers most of the 7th and 8th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language, plus some math standards!

High School

Where in the World is...? – Creating a generation of digital world travelers [Famis# 800312228](#)



“A major travel magazine is running a special feature entitled, Where in the World is...? They are commissioning young writers to travel anywhere in the world...”

~ Social Studies, Language Arts, Technology, Oral Presentation – Covers ALL of the NYS Social Studies Framework Key Ideas and Content Specifications for 9th grade and most of the CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, Language, and Literacy in Social Studies!

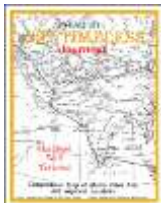
An American Patchwork – Displaying the pride and complexities of the election process [Famis# 800312236](#)



“The Smithsonian Museum has commissioned an election-themed quilt to be made by our class. They will be displaying it...”

~ Social Studies, Language Arts, Technology, Oral Presentation – Covers most of the 9th and 10th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language; plus important Key Ideas and Content Specifications from the NYS Social Studies Framework !

Timeless Journeys – Examining the amazing journeys of travelers that changed the world



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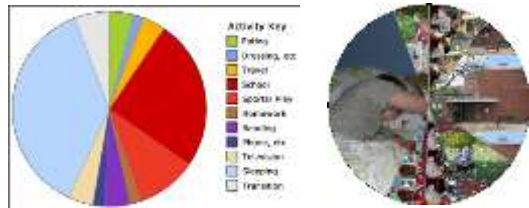
~ Social Studies, Language Arts, Technology, Oral Presentation – Covers many of the NYS Social Studies Framework Key Ideas and Content Specifications for 10th grade and most of the CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, Language, and Literacy in Social Studies!

Playing with the Gods – Developing fictional and technical writing skills while designing a Greek Mythology Game **Famis# 800312244**



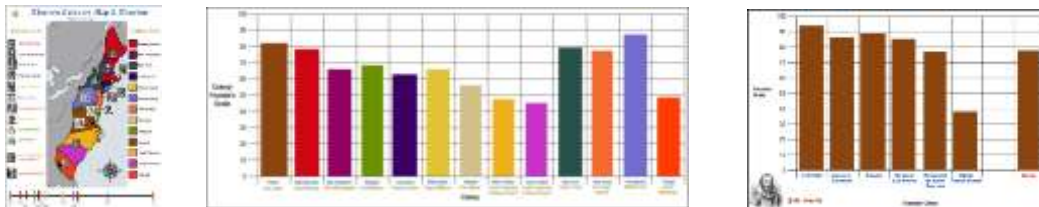
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 ~ Language Arts, Math, Technology, Oral Presentation - Covers most of the 9th and 10th grade CCSS for Reading: Literature, Writing, Speaking & Listening, Language, Literacy in Social Studies, and some Math standards!

Our Time -- Reinforcing arithmetic while comparing the schedule of today’s teens with the generation before them



“A group of graduate students at a major university in our area are conducting a study on how teens spend their time and how that compares to a generation ago. They have asked our class to help them gather data and analyze the results for ...”
 ~Math, Social Studies, Language Arts, Technology, Oral Presentation, Life Skills -- Covers most of the CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language, important Social Studies Practices from the NYS Framework; plus some math standards!

Founding the Thirteen Colonies – Analyzing the strengths & weaknesses in the foundation of our nation **Famis# 800312252**



“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, Language Arts, Math, Technology, Oral Presentation – Covers most of the 11th and 12th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language plus important Key Ideas and Content Specifications from the NYS Social Studies Framework !

Let’s Vote! – A study of past presidents, the election system & what is needed in a president today



“It is election time again and we have some important decisions to make. We know we need the most qualified candidate for the job, so why not look back through America’s history and see who might have the experience that we need today...”
 ~ Social Studies, Language Arts, Math, Technology, Oral Presentation - – Covers most of the 11th and 12th grade CCSS for Reading of Informational Text, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language; and important Key Ideas and Content Specifications from the 12th grade NYS Social Studies Framework!

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