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Kerpoof Scholastics E-Newsletter



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Happy Holidays from all of us at Kerpoof! In this newsletter, we share an exciting new journalism lesson plan called *Fairy Tale Reporter* in which students take on the role of a correspondent investigating traditional fairy tales - what *did* happen to those nice piggy houses? - and leverage Kerpoof's digital storytelling for their article. We also have more wonderful news from the Press and Awards front: Kerpoof has been awarded The National Parenting Center's 2010 Seal of Approval!

There are lots of exciting features on the way and scheduled to be launched in the New Year, so stay tuned for saving to JPEG, info bubbles in Make a Picture, and a brand-new Kerpoof spelling game!

As always, our goal is to provide rich and timely information about Kerpoof's free resources for educators. If you have colleagues who would be interested in receiving this newsletter, please feel free to forward it to them. If you have received a forwarded copy, you can sign up for your own free subscription by clicking [here](#).

For more information about how to use Kerpoof in the classroom, please visit [Kerpoof Scholastics](#). If you have any suggestions or comments, feel free to e-mail me at the address below.

Sincerely,

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Lesson Plans 2.0



Kerpoof is proud to announce that our existing lesson plans have been revised and updated - so if you haven't visited our Lesson Plans page in a while, we invite you to [take another look](#). We also have a new lesson plan for you:


Fairy Tale Reporter

Your students will take on the role of a hard-hitting Fairy Tale Reporter (complete with pen name) on the trail of a hot news story. They'll write an illustrated/animated article on Kerpoof about the Three Bears Break-in, the Case of the Missing Grandmother, The Mysterious Fall of Humpty Dumpty, etc., while answering the questions who, what, when, where, why, and how? Pictured is an example of one of the six "Fairy Tale Fact Sheets" that students can fill in and use as a starting point for their articles - click through for full size and to browse the entire lesson plan.

Hansel and Gretel Fact Sheet

Name: _____

- **Police report:** Two children are using a witch oven w/af. They claim to be "legal use of gingerbread, intended to entrap and/or restrain." They filed their lawsuit today at the King Cole Courthouse at _____ (date of day).
- **The plaintiff:** Hansel and Grete, a brother and sister, live at a Fairy Tale Lane.
- **The defendant:** The unnamed witch has retained the legal services of Mrs. Mops, the ogre & Mrs. Wickedwink, _____ and _____ (last names) who live at her house deep in the Fairy Tale Woods.
- **Witness reports:**
 - "We were out walking in the woods one day because _____." - Hansel
 - "Then we came upon a big gingerbread house, freshly baked, with (sandy) windows and candy cane detailing." - Grete
 - "It was a dear joy to enter us, but _____ we reported it to the police right away!" - Hansel
 - "There is a simple explanation for all of this..." - the Witch
- **Witness notes:**
 - "The actions of the witch are a clear violation of our child safety laws, and if the oven happens will be so-wild!" - King Cole
- **Other details:**

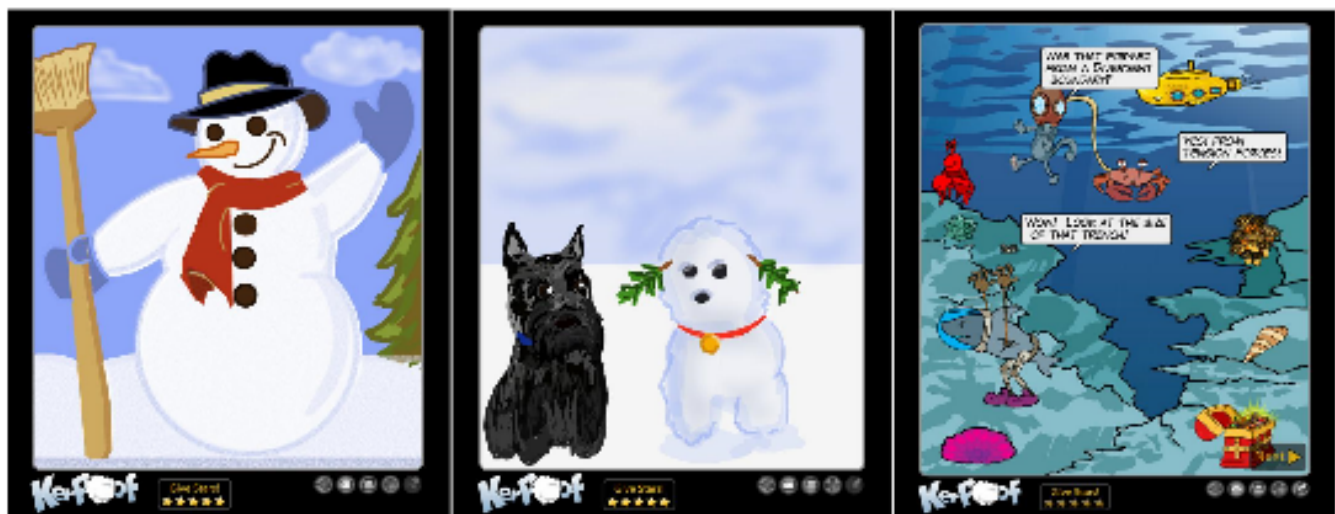


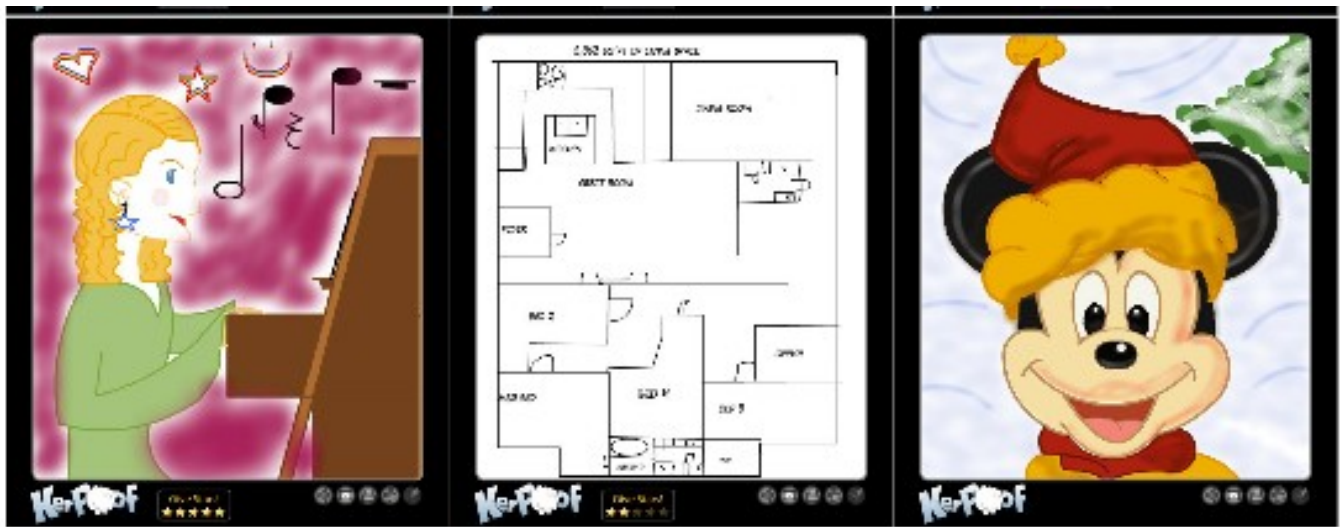
Signed, Sealed, Delivered!

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December Gallery of Greats

Here are a few of our recent faves. Click on the thumbnails to see them at full size.





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