

# KerPoof

Kerpoof Scholastics E-Newsletter



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February is here, and Valentine's Day has taken over Kerpoof! Read on for details and screenshots of new avatar accessories, pens, and more. We've also included an Olympics-themed classroom activity, and a call for ideas around a new activity on Kerpoof. Kerpoof is also twittering! [Follow us](#), and join the dialogue!

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### Valentine's Day Fun!

Valentine's Day is live on Kerpoof, and with it comes fun new avatar accessories. Choose anything from a rose barette to V-day facepaint to a pet frog that sits on your head! Five brand new Valentine's pens are also available for purchas in the Kerpoof Store - get 'em while they're hot!



### New Classroom Activity

Doing a unit on the Winter Olympics? Set up your own Kerpoof-style Olympics in the classroom! Divide students into groups of three and assign each group a Winter Olympics sport. In order to win the gold medal, they will have to work as a team to research and use Make a Picture to present their sport to the rest of the class - relay style, with one researcher, one writer, and one artist! Another fun variant might involve students creating their own fantasy winter sport. You can give this lesson different thematic twists by assigning reading; for instance, *Olympic Math: Working with Percentages and Decimals* by Greg Roza or *The Nazi Olympics: Berlin 1936* by Susan Bachrach (appropriate for grades 7 and up).

## We Need Your Help!



Kerpoof is planning to revamp Make a Story, and we'd like to tap into the collective braintrust that is our newsletter readership. We want to hear about anything and everything you'd want in an online storymaker app! How can we upgrade Make a Story to be a more useful teaching tool? Thoughts, ideas, and suggestions are all welcome. Just send an email to [educators@kerpoof.com](mailto:educators@kerpoof.com).

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.

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