

# Kerpoof Scholastics News

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Welcome to the November 2008 Kerpoof Scholastics Newsletter. Our goal is to provide information about [Kerpoof's free resources for educators](#). If you have colleagues who you think 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.

We want Kerpoof Scholastics to be a great resource for you. Please feel free to contact us with comments or suggestions. You can e-mail the Kerpoof Education Department at [educators@kerpoof.com](mailto:educators@kerpoof.com).

Sincerely,  
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Boulder Teachers Talk about Kerpoof  
Teachers in the Boulder Valley School District often use Kerpoof in their classrooms. Several of them recorded their impressions for a recent presentation at the T + L Conference in Seattle. [Hear what they have to say about how they use Kerpoof with their students.](#)

### Making Music on Kerpoof

If you haven't explored the new Rock Party movie option, check it out. It gives users the opportunity to create not only a movie, but their own music as well. Each band member has a "Rock!" method that gives the creator options on how they should play and for how long. Combining methods from various band members creates a song. With all the options for each band member there are infinite song combinations. I think it's so cool! [Here's a great concert one of our users](#)



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Colorado State Standards flyer available

If you teach in Colorado, take a look at our new flyer with ideas of how Kerpoof might be used to meet the Colorado Model Content Standards. How Kerpoof is best used in a standards-based curriculum is of course up to you, but hopefully the flyers we provide will give you some ideas for starting points. We would love to hear from you about how you choose to use Kerpoof to meet specific standards for your state.

New lesson plan available at Kerpoof

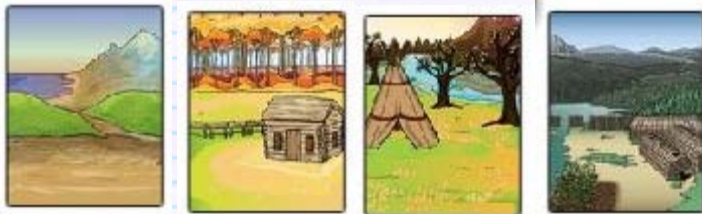
There is one new lesson plan available at Kerpoof Scholastics this month. [Take a look at it and the other lesson plans we have available.](#)

*Tell a tale...in Spanish*

Use Kerpoof to give your students the opportunity to retell a classic fairy tale in Spanish to show their growing knowledge of the language. Students will have an opportunity to practice their verb conjugations, then add their own take on what happens after everyone "lives happily ever after." This lesson plan includes links to Spanish versions of classic fairy tales as well as some of the specific vocabulary that would only be found in a fairy tale, plus opportunities for students to find their own vocabulary using online or traditional Spanish/English dictionaries.

Thanksgiving Fun

Celebrate the upcoming holiday with Kerpoof's three Thanksgiving-related scenes. We have three scenes in which students can re-create the first Thanksgiving. In addition, we have a scene depicting the traditional village life of the Haudenosaunee. Just click on the thumbnails below to get to each scene.



Kerpoof Mailbox

*We love getting e-mails from K-8 teachers who are using Kerpoof in their classrooms. Here's one with great ideas on how one teacher is using Kerpoof in her seventh grade classes:*

I was introduced to this resource at a training session about 2 weeks ago. I found your site to be the perfect resource for my two classrooms full of 7th graders to experience message boards and chatting as well as a means to explore their visual talents. We started with creating parts of an alphabet book and moved on to the movies and picture pages. To culminate our online web activities we started using a regular [Company Name] Chat session and it just didn't work all that well. We then switched over to Kerpoof. It made teaching netiquette so much easier when the students had the graphics to focus their conversations. Structuring a regular chat session with this age group can always be a bit "dicey" to say the least, but Kerpoof made it a big success. The Buddy Draw and the Rock Party are really a big hit with the kids this age. They are making every effort to get on at home and experience the resource - they liked it that well. Certainly, very motivational.

*- Jackie Rygg, Instructional Technology Specialist with Havre Public Schools in Montana*

**Tips and Tricks**

*Finding student work*

If you have set up a group for your classroom we now have an easy way for you to find each student's work by searching in your group gallery. Now you can enter the student's username/nickname in the search box and bring up all of that student's work.

If there are still too many scenes and movies to choose from, you can filter their work to show you just the movies they've created, or just pictures, or cards, or stories. [Sign up for a teacher account to help you manage your student's usage.](#)



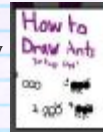
## Idea Center

### *Use Kerpoof to launch a new unit*

Are you getting ready to launch a really cool unit? Give your introduction more punch by creating a movie to kick it off. Let Kerpoof characters tell students what you're going to be studying, why and how. It'll get everyone's attention and give your unit the exciting launch that it deserves. Be sure you use the stand-alone player so you're showing your movie full-screen. Include music and special effects to make your launch movie even more dramatic.

### *Tell me how to...*

The ability to give instructions is a key communication skill. Use Kerpoof to let students try their hand at telling their classmates how to do something. [Here's an example of a how-to by one of our users:](#)



## Kerpoof Gallery of Greats

Here are some examples of the great Halloween scenes our users have shared on Kerpoof. Click on the thumbnails to see the scenes and drawings full size or to watch these fun movies.



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