
Relay Races

Have relay races on the board with multiplication facts. Prepare a PowerPoint presentation or IWB slide in advance of multiplication facts, or hand-write math problems on the board. Then have your students' race up to the board to solve the math problems.

How BrainPOP Can Help Preface the game with BrainPOP's [Multiplication](#) or [Multiplying and Dividing Fractions](#). For K-3, turn to BrainPOP Jr.'s [Arrays](#) and [Multiplying by 0 or 1](#).

Game Templates

Try spicing up your lesson on the U.S. government, grammar, or another focused topic by creating a related game. You can use one of the many game templates online or on [Promethean Planet](#). Use the new game to review material you have already covered or to introduce new information.

How BrainPOP Can Help Check out BrainPOP's [Branches of Government](#) or [Parts of Speech](#) topics to help supplement your game templates.

Decoding

Quiz as you go! Use your interactive white board's shade feature to block out key pieces of information on any web site so that students have to fill in what's missing. Try hiding the questions instead of the answers to keep kids on their toes.

How BrainPOP Can Help This trick also works well with BrainPOP quizzes. Just hide the quiz question and encourage students to figure it out, using the visible answers as clues. Or, just have them make educated guesses about what the question might be.

State Standards

Use [BrainPOP's standards tool](#) to research Common Core or your own state's standards; easily find the corresponding BrainPOP and BrainPOP Jr. resources. Document the topics you've used so they're easily available to you in every slide: use your notebook or a flipchart, or add a pull tab (located in the tool bar).

How BrainPOP Can Help Our [Standards tool](#) lets you search for relevant BrainPOP and BrainPOP Jr. content by state, grade, or subject We are also aligned to Alberta, British Columbia, and Ontario standards in Canada.

Graphic Organizers

Add a dimension to your lesson with a [graphic organizer](#) from BrainPOP Educators' Resources. From comparing and contrasting [vertebrates](#) and [invertebrates](#) to [American and European history](#), there's a big selection of resources to help meet all your needs. Graphic organizers look great on the IWB and go a long way towards helping students visualize and organize information.

How BrainPOP Can Help In addition to [graphic organizers](#), [BrainPOP Educators](#) offers tools like clip art, backgrounds, video tutorials, webinars, and more.

Research Project

Have the class collaborate on a classroom research project. Everyone contributes a slide based on his or her research.

How BrainPOP Can Help Checkout [BrainPOP's monthly Spotlights](#) – themed collections of movies – for project topic ideas such as Sports and Fitness or Natural Disasters.

Video Links

Add links to videos to enhance a lecture or IWB slide instead of just covering facts from the text book. Take your students on a safari adventure by sharing a video about animals in their natural habitat, or show history in the making with a famous political speech, all from your IWB. Integrating video allows students to grasp information in more than one format and caters your lessons to different learning styles.

How BrainPOP Can Help Incorporate **BrainPOP movies** to enhance your lesson and engage students. BrainPOP can even be **embedded** into your blog or web site.

What Comes Next?

Whether you're studying a process or life cycle or just giving directions, have students make next-step predictions using pictures from the web. Reveal the photo if the student's hypothesis was correct.

How BrainPOP Can Help Use this trick in conjunction with our **Rock Cycle** topic. Have students choose pictures that represent the different stages of the rock cycle – see if they know what comes next, then add the correct images to your slide.

True/False

Develop true/false statements according to your lesson topic. Before starting the lesson, have students determine whether statements are true or false. Then present the lesson without telling the students if they are right or wrong. After completing the lesson, come back to the statements and have students assess their original answers. Any false statements should be made true.

How BrainPOP Can Help Use this activity while teaching your students about the **solar system**. BrainPOP has a number of **solar system- and planet-**related topics. The selection makes it easy to pose true/false questions on the subject, and for students to research their answers.

Fill in the Blank

Create a fact sheet covering a current topic like blogging or something in the news, but omit key words. Allow the students to complete the sentences on the IWB. For example, "Blogs let readers _____, which creates an interactive relationship between blogger and reader." (Answer: "comment")

How BrainPOP Can Help Are you teaching your students about **study** and **reading skills** or Anne Frank? The Activity Pages of these and other BrainPOP topics include a Fill-in-the-Blank sheet. Pull up the activities on your IWB and call on students to complete it.

Pictures

Scatter pictures across the IWB related to a topic you'll be teaching that day. Students can look at the pictures and then make an educated guess as to what the topic may be. For instance, pictures of different liquids, gases, and solids could represent a lesson about matter. By comparing the themes and/or attributes of the pictures, students can determine the commonalities and the day's lesson.

How BrainPOP Can Help Enhance your instruction on the states of matter by adding BrainPOP's **Solid, Liquid, Gas** and/or **States of Matter** topics to preview the content represented by the pictures on the IWB.

Vocabulary Match

Generate a vocabulary and definition word match on motions and forces, for instance. Students can then use interactive tools to pair the two.

How BrainPOP Can Help Determine the key vocabulary words from your instruction on DNA and then define each word. Place the important DNA words on one side and the definitions on the other, out of order. Have students come up and match the word to its definition. Complete the activity by watching our [DNA movie](#).

Picture Match

Create a list of vocabulary words and pictures for each one. Students can move the vocabulary word to the picture it matches. [BrainPOP Jr.'s Arts and Technology Word Wall](#) exemplifies this!

How BrainPOP Can Help Every topic on BrainPOP Jr. has an associated [Word Wall](#), making it easy for you to pick out or chose that topic's most important words.

Drag and Drop

Get students out of their seats to interact with the subject matter. Create a simple drag and drop activity in which students come up to the whiteboard one by one. Are you teaching about nouns and verbs? Have a "nouns" column and a "verb" column. Display pictures of nouns and verbs and have students move them to the correct column.

How BrainPOP Can Help BrainPOP and BrainPOP Jr. have topics to support your nouns and verbs unit. Among them? [Nouns](#), [possessive nouns](#), [verbs](#), [plural nouns](#), and [Subject Verb Agreement](#).

To Be or Not to Be

Label what it is, not what it isn't. During a lesson about mammals and reptiles, place photos of each on the IWB. Have students identify which category they fall into.

How BrainPOP Can Help Complete the activities and/or read the FYI sections accompanying our [Mammals](#) and [Reptiles](#) topics.

Identify the Parts

Identify the parts of an object – a flower, the human body, or an animal cell, for example. Invite students up to the IWB to label all the components.

How BrainPOP Can Help Watching the [Cell Structure](#) movie and completing the Activity aids students as they try to identify the parts of a cell.

Draw It

Draw as you go along. Have students draw their own take on the various stages of a cycle like the moon's, mitosis, or meiosis.

How BrainPOP Can Help Our [Mitosis movie](#) is a great resource to support this activity. Have students draw each step in the cell division process.

Map Skills

Label a blank map of a region you are studying. Use the IWB's built-in maps to teach about continents, oceans, countries, states, and capitals. Have students move the names of places to their correct spot on the map.

How BrainPOP Can Help Pull up an unlabeled map of the seven continents. Then have students use their prior knowledge to label the continents. Next, watch the [Continents](#) movie on BrainPOP. Afterwards, pull up the map and have students correct anything they got wrong initially.

Note Taking

Notice all of the space to the right and left of BrainPOP movies? That's a great place for IWB note-taking.

How BrainPOP Can Help While watching the movie on [Helen Keller](#), pause as needed to guide your students through the note-taking process.

Highlights

Isolating the most important information in an article, textbook, or reading material can be difficult for students. Select a student or have several students take turns being "The Highlighter." As you teach, have the "Highlighters" point out important information on the IWB. Or prompt students to highlight their hard copy. Use the I-Text book pulled up on the IWB.

How BrainPOP Can Help Each BrainPOP topic has an FYI feature that students can use to highlight important information. Pull up a topic on BrainPOP and then hit the FYI section while using the IWB's highlighter. Use the IWB highlighter to poi

Brainstorming

Have students build ideas off of one another using an IWB slide to brainstorm before, during, or after the lesson. Save the slide for later review or have students add to it as you progress. Encourage students to write on the board independently.

How BrainPOP Can Help If you're studying the [American Revolution](#), have students brainstorm causes on the IWB, then save their slide and use it as a study guide later.

Record It!

Record your lessons! Set up a review station so students can hear lessons later, or to prepare for assessment time. For example, the recording of your first lesson on basic fractions will be a great review tool before a quiz and can serve as a supportive remediation tool when you start to talk about adding fractions. Post recorded lessons to your class blog or web site for absent students, parents, or students needing homework support. Use the IWB recorder tool to record and share examples of student work, learning strategies, problem-solving tips, or instructions.

How BrainPOP Can Help After you have recorded your lesson on [fractions](#), set up a computer to play our [Reducing Fractions](#) (BrainPOP) or [More Fractions](#) (BrainPOP Jr.) Students can watch the movies then take in the recorded lesson to reinforce the key concepts.

Give Them an Audience

After your students have completed a class research project, invite students from other classes to check out their work on the IWB – and let your class be the teachers! For example, after students have completed a class project on habitats, food webs, or ecosystems, they can present their findings to the class across the hall. They'll love being teachers for a day.

How BrainPOP Can Help BrainPOP Jr. offers topics like [Freshwater Habitats](#), [Arctic Habitats](#), [Ocean Habitats](#), [Rainforest](#), [Desert](#), [Forests](#), and [Food Chains](#). On BrainPOP, there's [Ecosystems](#) and [Food Chains](#). These topics are ideal for aiding student research projects on these subjects.

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| Teach 2 | Share new IWB discoveries with your students, challenge them to explore as well, and then share during choice time. New tools and tricks the students uncover can become part of your repertoire, and they become class experts. | How BrainPOP Can Help Wanting to start a class blog? Learn how to do it together – watch BrainPOP’s Blogs movie. |
| Digital Storytelling | Illustrate and write a book as a class. Use the IWB’s record feature to narrate the text. For example, when covering the life cycle, narrate a story of the life cycle of stars . | How BrainPOP Can Help Utilize one of BrainPOP’s units to delve into a topic like World History . Students can develop characters, events, and a plot based on the information taught in the movies. When you’re done, you’ll have an IWB version of a digital storybook. |
| Skill Reinforcement | From the IWB, use different interactive web sites to reinforce skills, keeping in mind that BrainPOP and BrainPOP Jr. are aligned to state and Common Core standards. | How BrainPOP Can Help Use BrainPOP’s Standards tool to search for your grade level’s standards and hone in on specific skills you want to cover with your students. |
| Internet Navigation | Are your students learning about the internet? Teach students the skills they need in order to navigate safely. | How BrainPOP Can Help Focus in on a topic by viewing BrainPOP’s Spotlight: Digital Citizenship . Use its content to further your instruction on the internet and internet safety . |
| Math Problems | Show students how to solve a math problem by breaking down the steps using the IWB. When students solve the problems on the IWB, don’t erase their work! Clone the page and show multiple solutions from multiple students. | How BrainPOP Can Help If students are still struggling, use BrainPOP’s key word search to find a relevant BrainPOP or BrainPOP Jr.. topic to help reinforce the math concept . |
| Electronic Word Wall | Use BrainPOP Jr.’s Word Wall feature with the IWB to build vocabulary and reading skills as you access topics. You can even create your own Word Wall on a slide by adding key words as they are introduced. Add a picture or definition next to the word and save your file so you can continue to add words as the lesson or unit progresses. | How BrainPOP Can Help Open up BrainPOP Jr. and select a topic such as the Digestive System . Then head to the Word Wall , where students are able to practice and/ or learn important vocabulary independently or as a class. |

Video Chat

Use **Skype** to visually communicate in real time with other classes, students, and special guests. If you are teaching the class about bridges, find an expert or engineer to Skype with your class. Prepare questions as a class and send them to your guest speaker before-hand so the interaction flows smoothly and no time is wasted. Break beyond the classroom walls and transform your classroom into a 21st century classroom!

How BrainPOP Can Help Find a firefighter to speak to over Skype. Have your students watch the BrainPOP Jr. movie **Fire Safety** to prepare for the interview. Then have students come up with questions to ask the firefighter based on the BrainPOP Jr. movie or anything they're curious about.

Take Note of This

If your students are working on note-taking skills, BrainPOP and BrainPOP Jr. can help. Encourage students to summarize a movie's main ideas in their own words. You can use the closed-captioning feature to support struggling readers and writers. Pause often and give them plenty of time to write.

How BrainPOP Can Help Utilize the Activity Pages, which are type-able and printable, for note-taking and organizing thoughts.

Closing Activity

Provide daily closure for your students by tying together the day's learning activities. End your day by having each student write one thing they learned or a fact they found interesting. Save the file and use it for review and reinforcement the next day or down the road.

How BrainPOP Can Help If, at the end of the day, there's a topic your students are still struggling with, pull up a movie and show it for instant reinforcement.
