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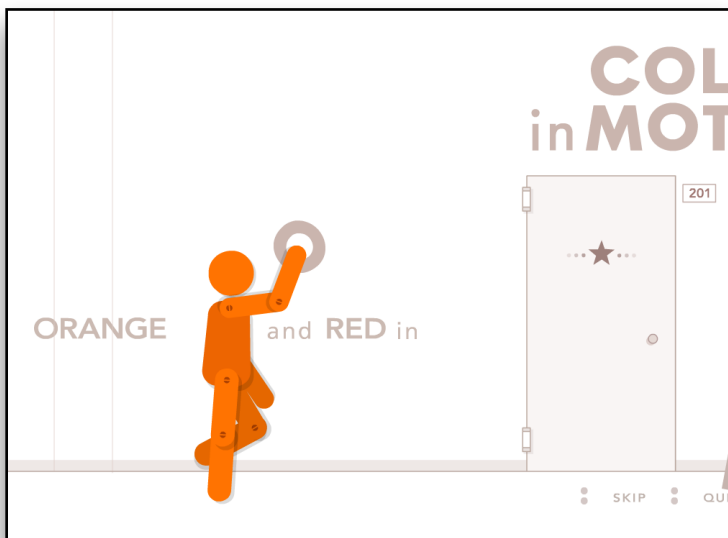
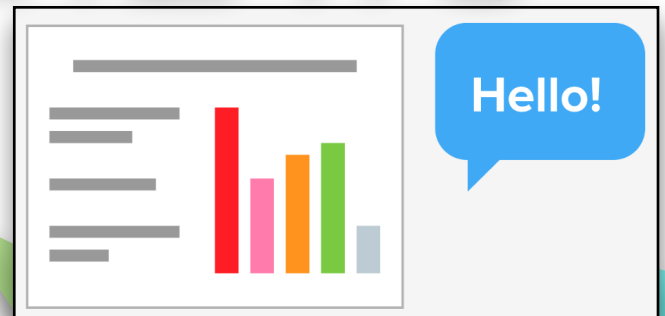
Jim's Favorite Site of the Month

Site: **Presentious** *(Presentation)*

Think about it... you've already created a PowerPoint (or Prezi or...) and then you share it with your class. Now, you have an easy way to record what you are presenting and saying and share it!

Presentious is a wonderful webtool that will definitely help you in the classroom. All you need to do is upload your presentation and then start presenting. The program will record what you are saying as you move through the presentation. Then, just grab the link that is provided after you've recorded and you can share it with everybody. Talk about a welcome addition to your Enhanced Classroom! Give it a try and let Jim know what you think.

(<https://presentio.us/>)



Site: **Color in Motion**

(Language Arts, Entertainment, Art)

You have to see this to believe it. This interactive site provides an extremely visual lesson in colors. You can choose doors to enter where you are treated to visual demonstrations of what basic colors mean and represent. The background music enhances the experience. Students would love this site and learn about what colors mean.

(<http://www.mariaclaudiacortes.com/colors/Colors.html>)

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Site: **GOOD-EAR** *(Music, Listening)*



Music teachers spend a LOT of time teaching students how to listen. Some of the best ways to learn how to listen is through ear-training lessons. At Good-ear, tools are provided that will help anybody who wants to develop their listening abilities. This is a great site for all music teachers and will help support and develop the curriculum

(<http://www.good-ear.com/>)

Site: **AWWAPP** *(All classes and courses)*

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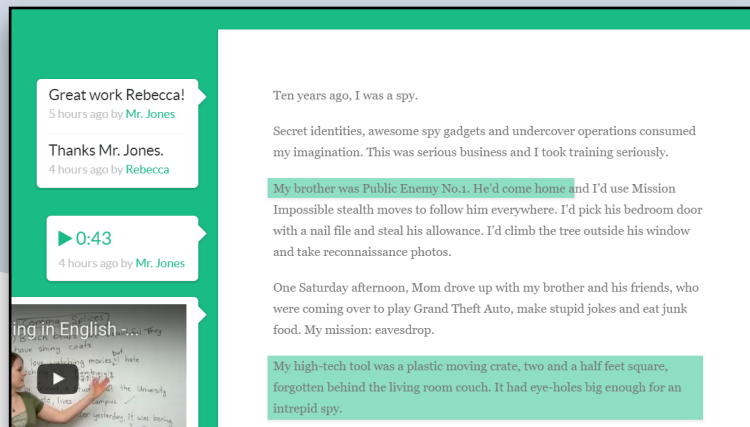
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(<https://www.awwapp.com/>)

Site: **KAIZENA** *(All classes and courses)*

Speak instead of typing. Keep track of student progress and the corrections and feedback that have been shared.

(<https://kaizena.com/>)



Interesting facts for the classroom **April**

April is the 4th month of the year and has 30 days.

Season (Northern Hemisphere): Spring
Holidays: April Fools' Day, Autism Awareness Day, Easter, Earth Day, Arbor Day, National Poetry Month, National Arab American Heritage Month, Teacher Appreciation Week, Jazz Appreciation Month, Alcohol Awareness Month, Cancer Control Month

Symbols of April: Birthstone - Diamond, Flower - Daisy and the sweet pea

Zodiac signs: Aries and Taurus

History: In the initial Roman calendar April was the second month of the year until January and February were added in 700 BC. It is thought that the name April comes from the Latin word "to open" and describes the trees opening at springtime. It could also be that the name comes from the Greek goddess Aphrodite.

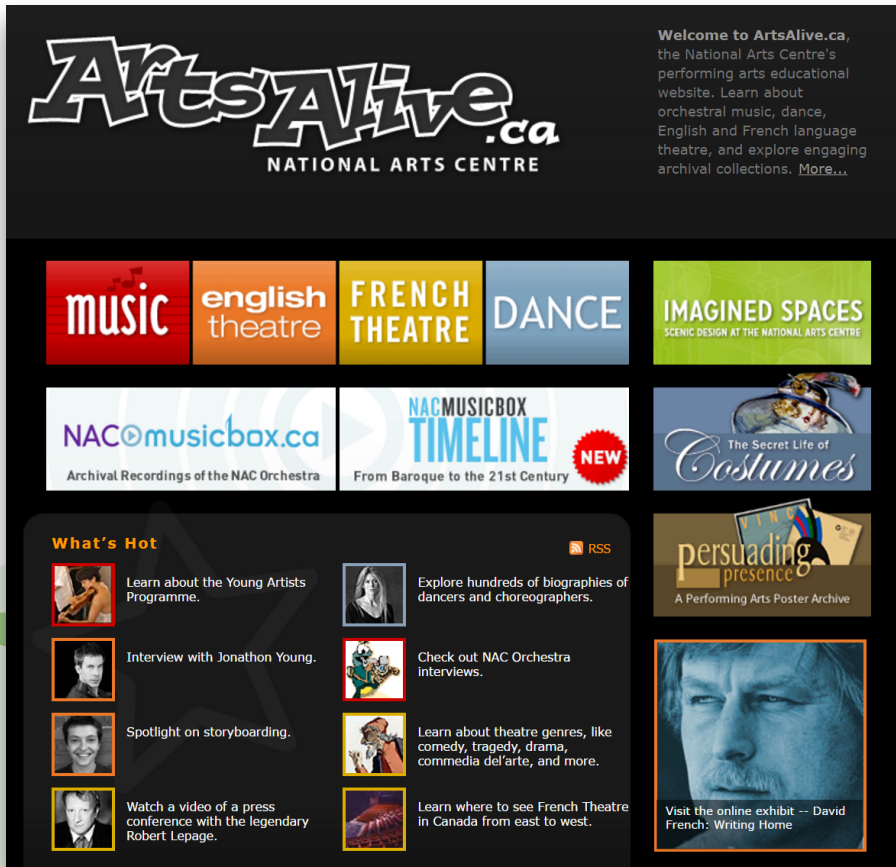
April in Other Languages: Chinese (Mandarin) - sìyuè Danish - april French - avril Italian - aprile Latin - Aprilis Spanish - abril Historical Names: Roman: Aprilis Saxon: Eosturmonath (Easter month) Germanic: Oster-mond

Fun Facts about April: It is the second month of spring. It is a time of planting and spring cleaning. In the Southern Hemisphere, April is the same as October in the Northern Hemisphere. The diamond of April symbolizes innocence. The Boston Marathon is held during April. In Ancient Rome the month of April was sacred to the goddess Venus. The Japanese fiscal year for most businesses starts on April 1st. In England there are many cuckoo festivals. The arrival of the cuckoo bird in April is a signal that spring has arrived. April is the month when the professional baseball season begins in the United States.

Thanks to Ducksters for the fun information!

<http://www.ducksters.com/history/aprilinhistory.php>

Site: ARTS ALIVE (Art, History, Dance)



(<http://artsalive.ca/en/>)

Video: If Teachers Were Treated Like Pro Athletes



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dkHqPFbXmOU&index=6&list=PL0fxORDbvxs8MYePVF4y8EI2s_ZY0q9FE

Fun:

Trivia Facts for the Classroom

- It is impossible for most people to lick their own elbow. (try it!)
- A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
- A shrimp's heart is in its head.
- It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.
- The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is believed to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.
- If you sneeze too hard, you could fracture a rib.
- Wearing headphones for just an hour could increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.
- In the course of an average lifetime, while sleeping you might eat around 70 assorted insects and 10 spiders, or more.
- Some lipsticks contain fish scales.
- Cat urine glows under a black-light.
- Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.
- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing (when using the proper position of the hands on the keyboard; Hunting and pecking doesn't count!).
- A shark is the only known fish that can blink with both eyes.
- The longest one-syllable words in the English language are "scaunched" and "strengthened." Some suggest that "squirrelled" could be included, but squirrel is intended to be pronounced as two syllables (squir-rel) according to most dictionaries. "Screeched" and "strengths" are two other long one-syllable words, but they only have 9 letters.
- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- Maine is the only state that has a one-syllable name.
- There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.
- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

<https://kids.niehs.nih.gov/games/riddles/jokes/fun-facts-and-trivia/>