Educator's Guide to MrOwl

Intro for Early Adopters

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- Supporting new users
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- Offering feedback and suggestions to MrOwl team to improve teacher features

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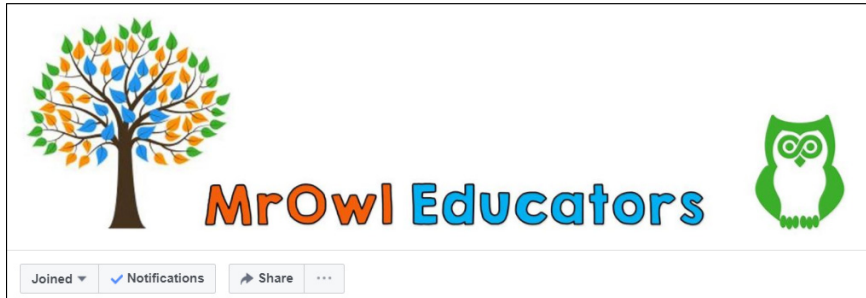
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Webinar Agenda

- Intro to MrOwl
- Getting Started on MrOwl
- Connecting & Collaborating
- Using MrOwl in the Classroom
- Wrap Up and Giveaway

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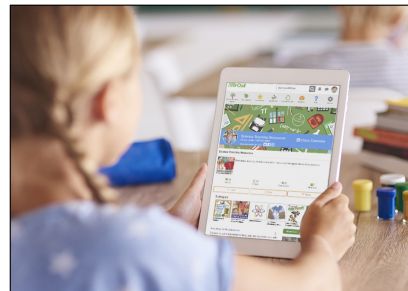
How can educators use MrOwl both professionally and with their students?

Share your ideas in the chat during the presentation.
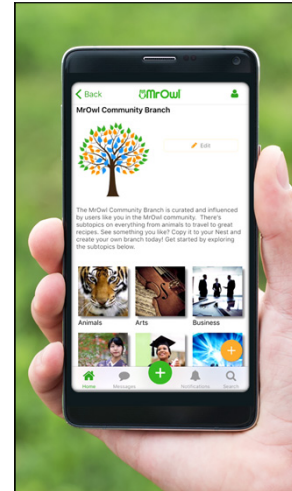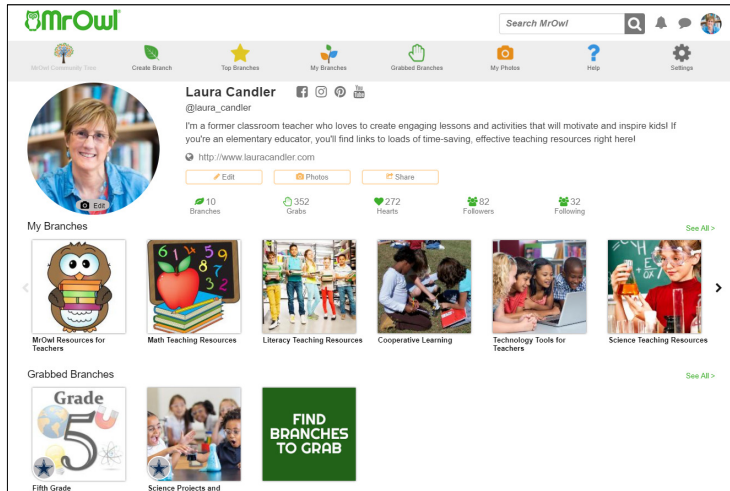
Intro to MrOwl

What is MrOwl?

A FREE, fun new technology for exploring your interests and organizing resources.

What Can You Do on MrOwl?

- Search, save, & share online resources
- Upload your own photos and files
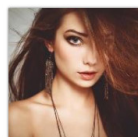- Organize your links and files
- Connect and collaborate with others

How MrOwl is Organized

MrOwl Community Tree

MrOwl Community Members

MrOwl Community Tree

- Branches curated by MrOwl team members
- All links checked before making public

MrOwl Community Tree

The MrOwl Community Tree is curated and influenced by users like you in the MrOwl community. There's subtopics on everything from animals to travel to great recipes. See something you like? Copy it to your MrOwl Nest and create your own branch today! Get started by exploring the subtopics below.

Reorder Subtopics

Add Subtopic

Animals

Arts

Business

Culture

Education

Entertainment
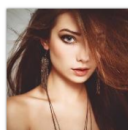
Fashion

Fitness

Food and Drink

General Reference

Health

History

MrOwl Members (Users)

- Each user creates a profile page
- Users may create and organize their own branches (not moderated)
- Users can interact using social media tools (following and messaging other members, grabbing, hearting, and sharing branches, collaborating with others, etc.)
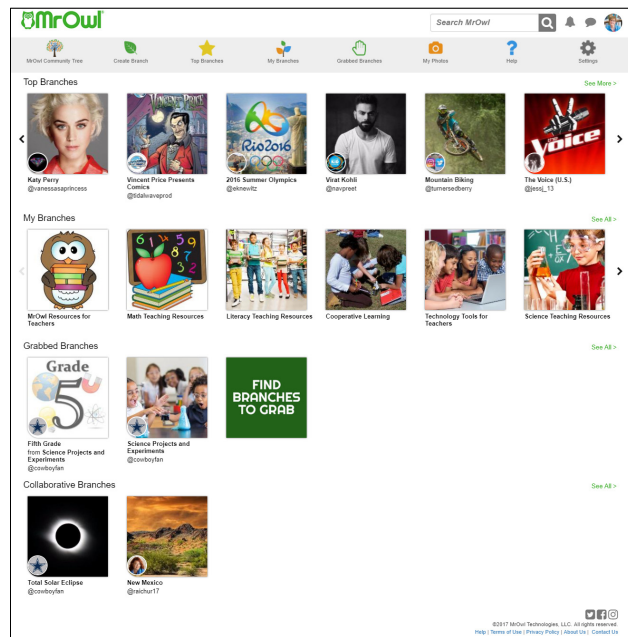

MrOwl Members (Users)

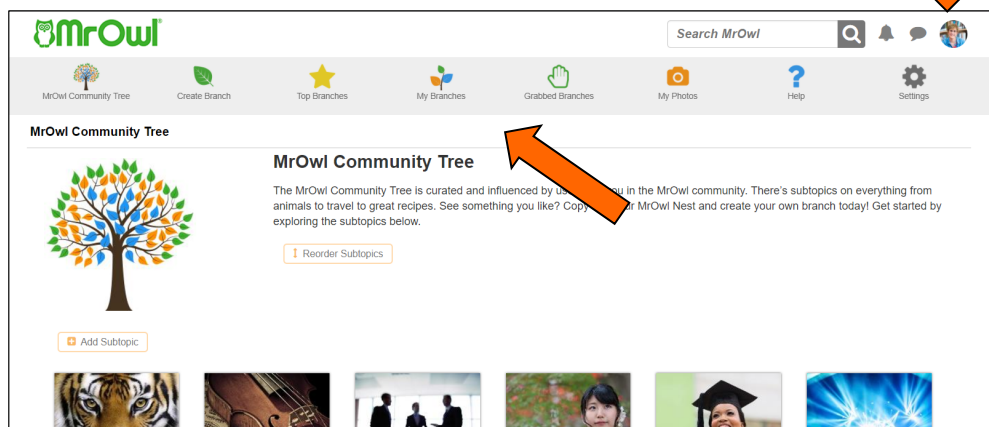Profile pages includes photo, short bio, social media links, branches, followers, etc.
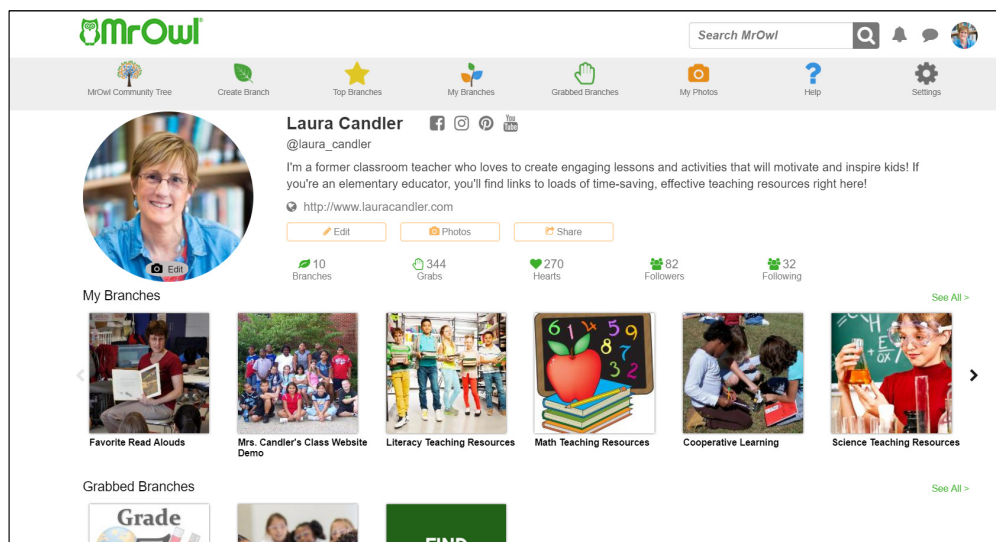
MrOwl Website Navigation

When you log on, you'll land on your own "home page" which shows the top branches, your own branches, the branches you've grabbed, and your collaborative branches.

MrOwl Website Navigation

- To access your profile page, click your photo in the upper right corner.
- To access branches and creation tools, click the shortcut icons in the gray bar.

MrOwl Mobile App Navigation

Click green user icon to access profile page

Click green plus sign to access shortcut icons

Branches and Subtopics

- All content is organized into "branches" and subtopics (branches = collections)
- Branches are mini, customized search engines.
- Branches can be public or private

My Branches   See All >

MrOwl Resources for Teachers   Math Teaching Resources   Literacy Teaching Resources   Cooperative Learning   Technology Tools for Teachers   Science Teaching Resources

2 Types of Branches
- MrOwl Community Tree Branches
- User–created branches

Branches and Subtopics

Main topics are organized in branches.

Branches can be broken down into subtopics
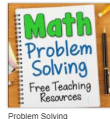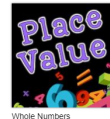
Branches and Subtopics

Branches and subtopics may include
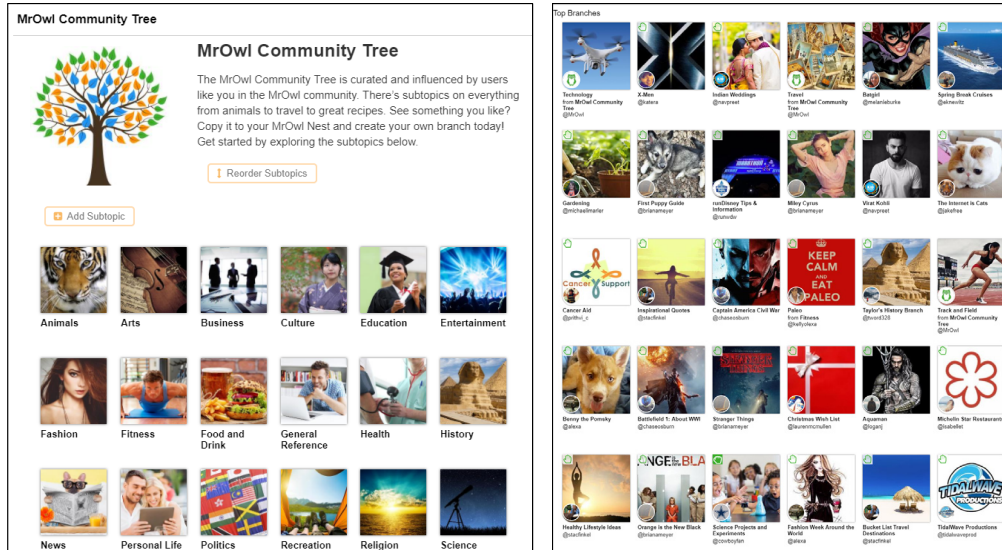- Links to webpages and online resources
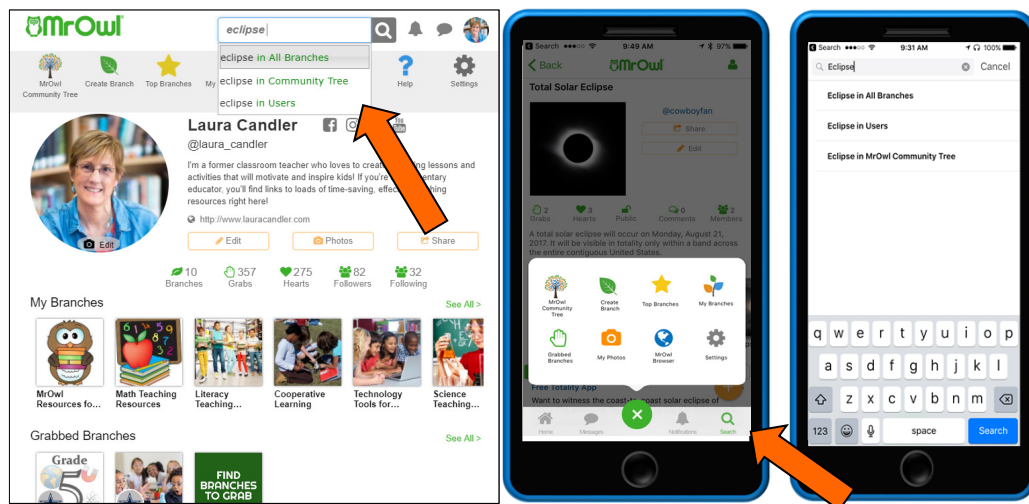- Uploaded photos and documents

How to Browse for Resources

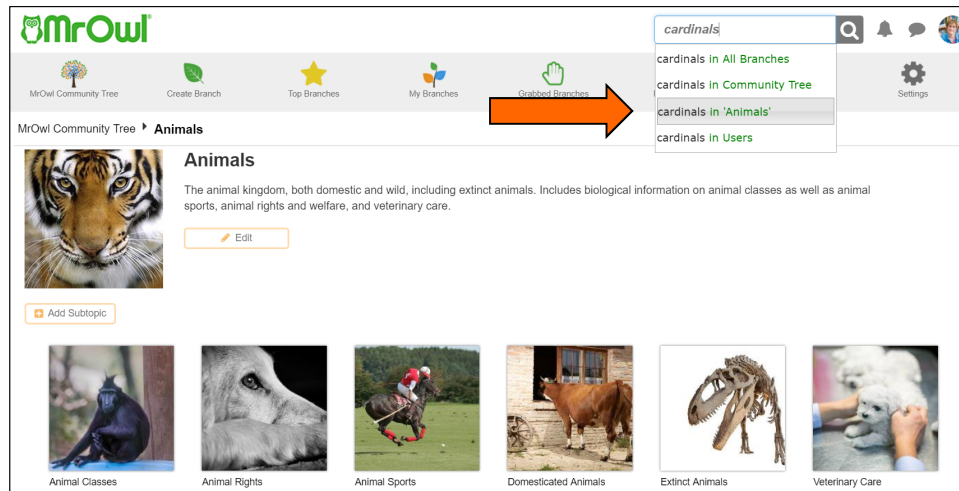Two easy options: Community Tree and Top Branches

How to Search for Resources

Enter a topic in the search bar and choose where to search: All Branches, the Community Tree, or Users.
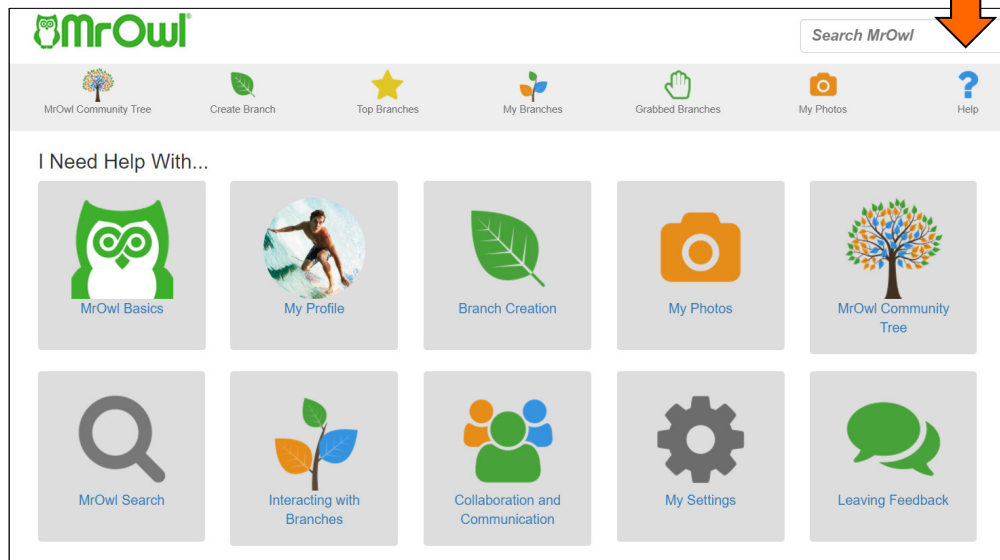
Searching the Community Tree

If you search while in a branch in the Community Tree, you'll also get the option to search within that branch which gives you more targeted results.

MrOwl FAQs and Help

Text and Video Help

Questions and Feedback

Click the "Contact Us" link at the bottom of any page to ask a question or offer feedback.

Getting Started on
MrOwl

Set Up Your Profile Page
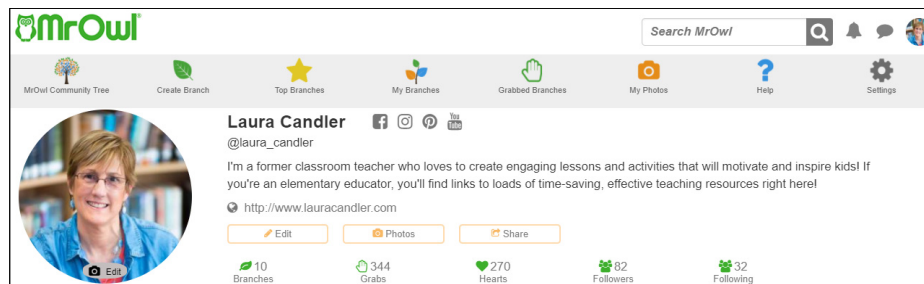
- Choose a user name, upload a profile image, and write a short bio
- Click the Settings icon to change social media links and notification options

Tip: Your user name will be public, so create a user name that will help others find you.

Add the Chrome Extension

Optional, but adding the Chrome extension makes it easier to save website links

Create Your First Branch

How to Upload a Document

How to Add a Photo or Image

3 Easy Ways to Add a Link

1. Use the Nest tool (for MrOwl Content)
2. Use the Chrome Extension to grab link
3. Manually add a link (copy and paste URL)
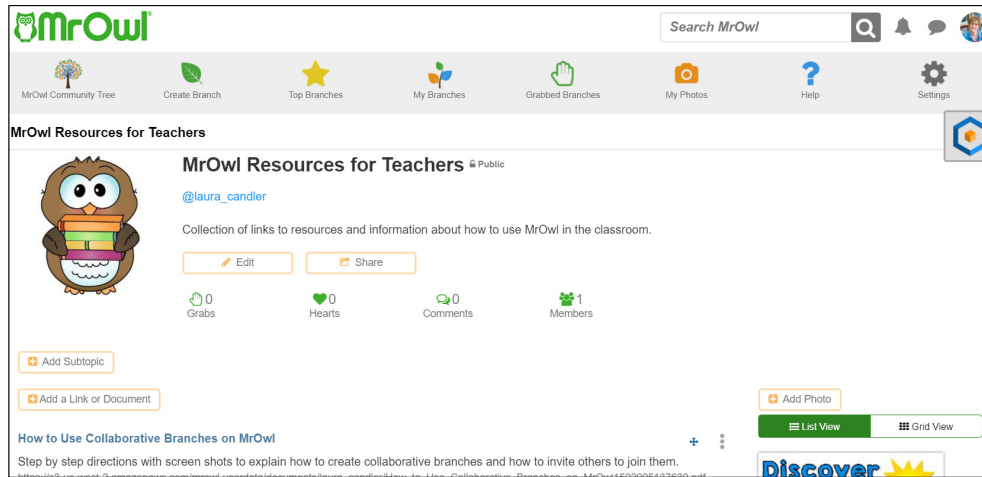
Use the MrOwl Nest Tool

Find content you like in any branch and click the 3 dots next to the link to open the menu. Click the nest icon to add it to your MrOwl nest. Repeat with each link you want to save.
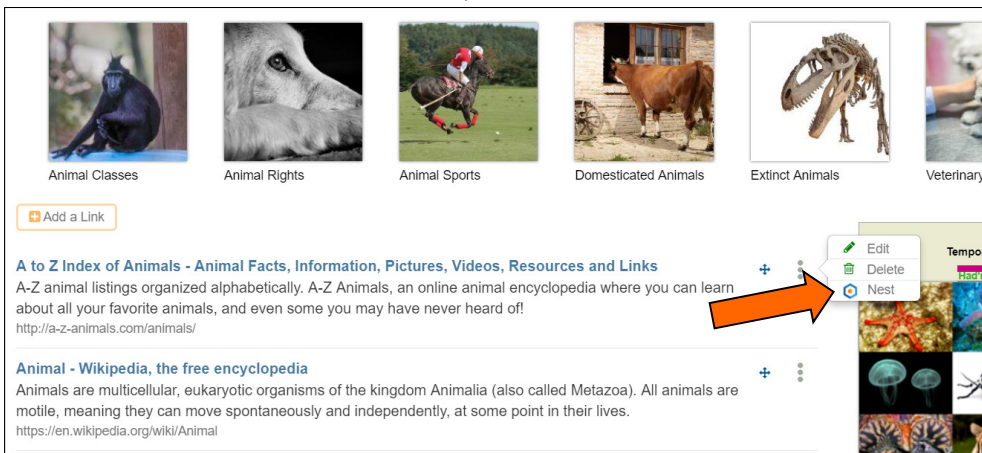
Use the MrOwl Nest Tool

After you add each link, the Nest panel
will slide open to display what you've added.
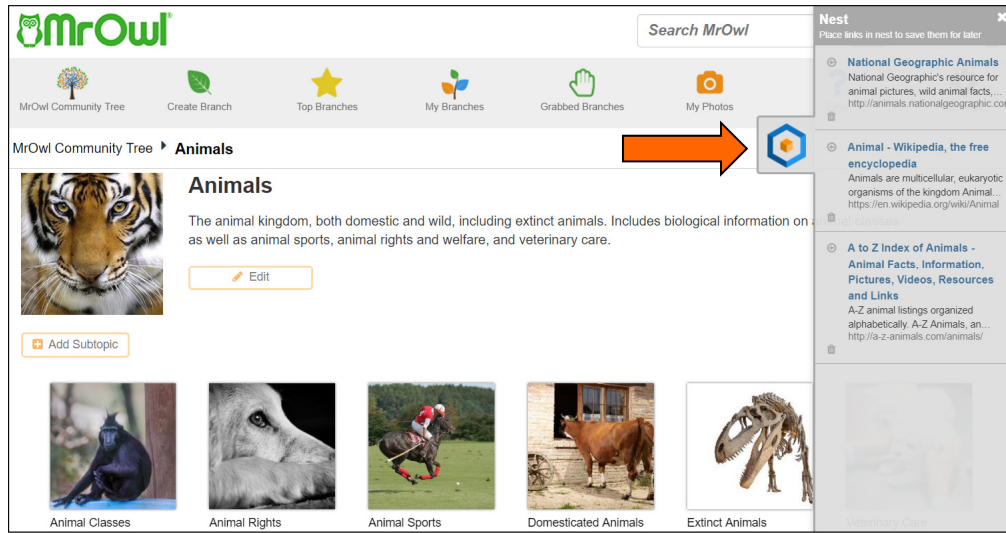
Use the MrOwl Nest Tool

Navigate to one of your own branches and
click on the nest icon to open it. Then click
the small arrow next to each item in your
nest to add it to that branch.
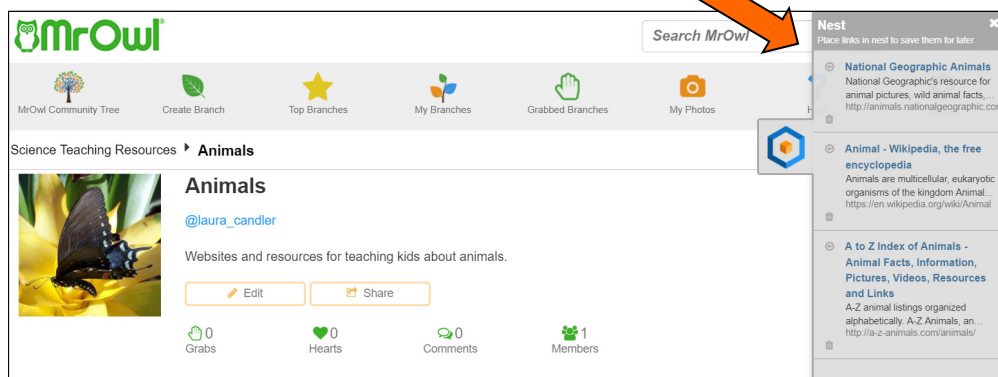
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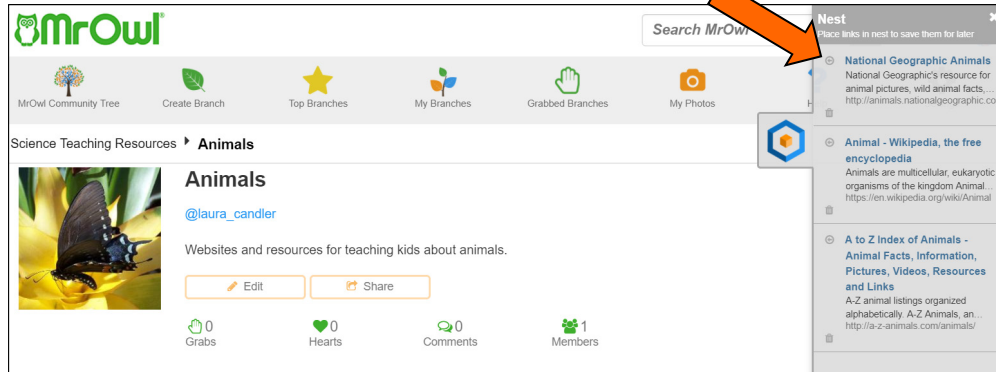
Use the MrOwl Nest Tool

Done! Links copied to branch and saved!
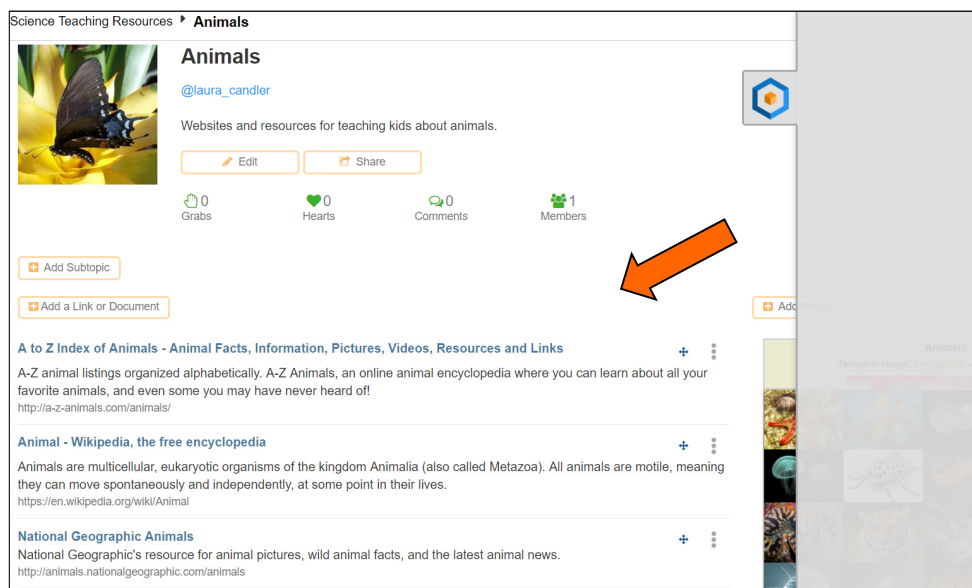
Use the Chrome Extension

Click on the branch you're updating and open another tab to search for resources online. When you find a website you like, click the MrOwl Chrome Extension icon.
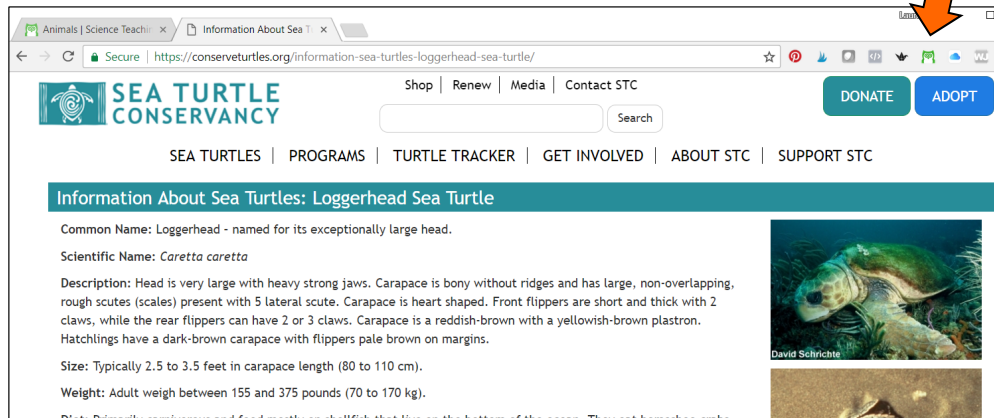
Use the Chrome Extension

Read the details that auto populate the form fields and edit them if needed. Then add to the link to the topic (branch) or nest.
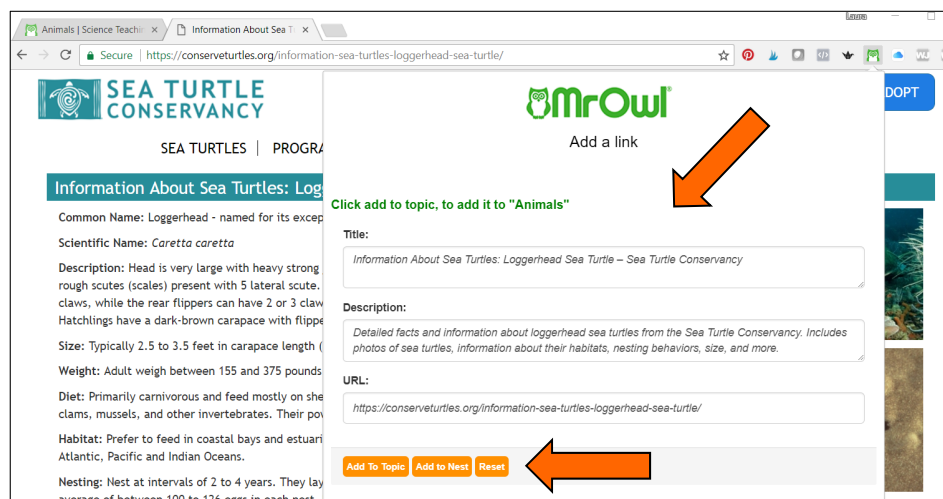
Manually Add a Website Link

When you find a link you want to add, click the URL in the browser bar to highlight it. Then right click and select Copy.
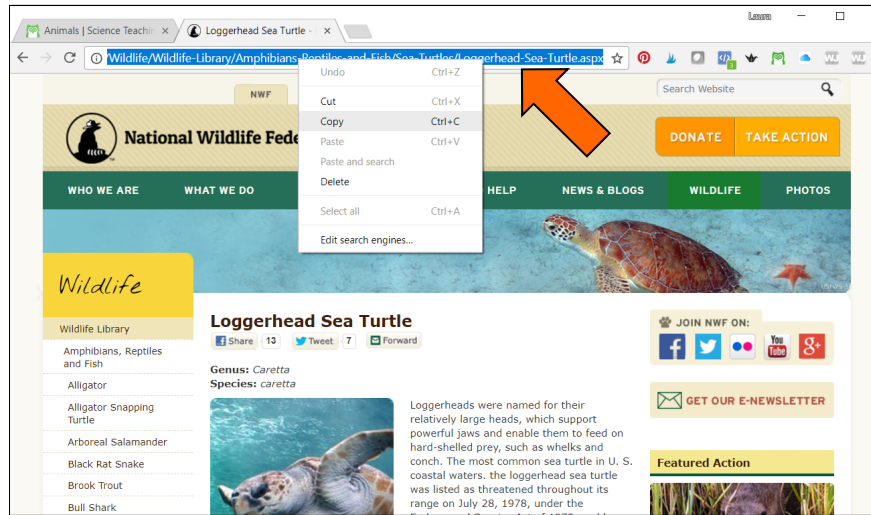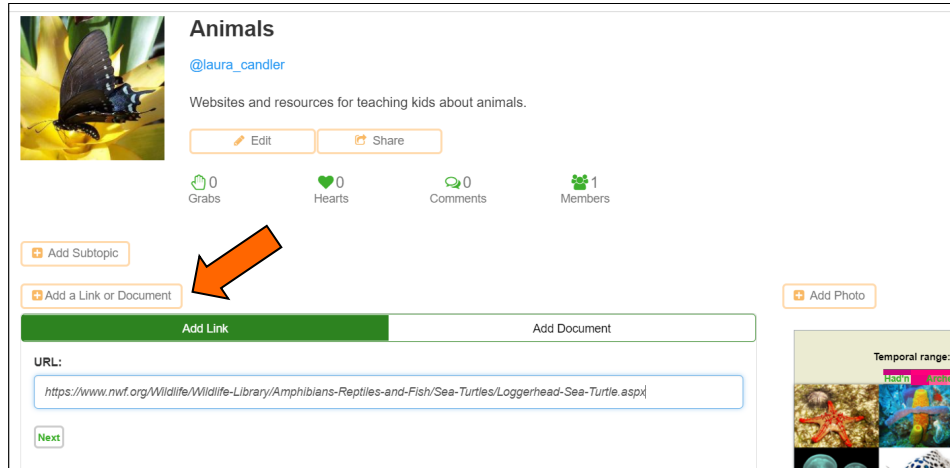
Manually Add a Website Link

Click branch you want to update, and then click the Add a Link or Document button.
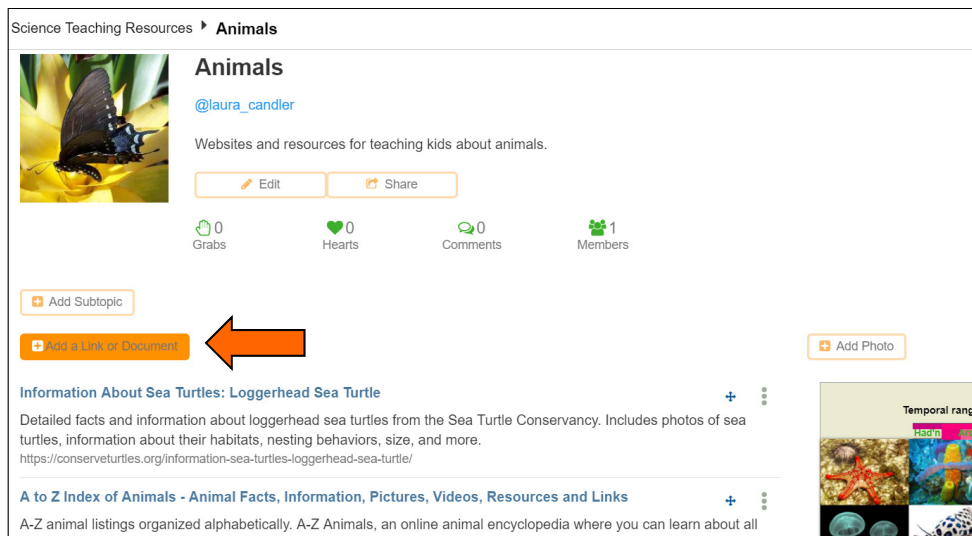
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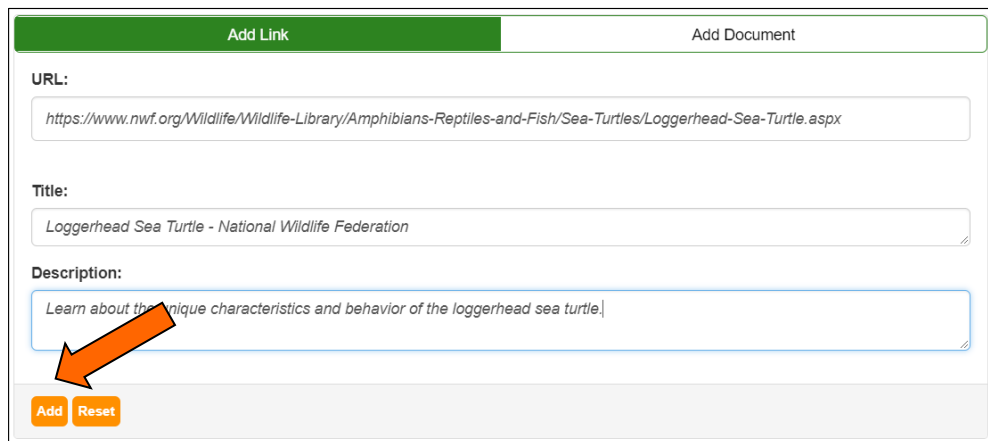
Click Add a Link or Document where you want to add the link. Right click and paste the URL where shown. Click Next.

Manually Add a Website Link

Read the text that auto populates the Title and Description fields. Edit text if needed. Click Add to add the link to the branch.

Organize Professional Resources

Create branches for units, subject areas, teaching methods, management ideas, etc.
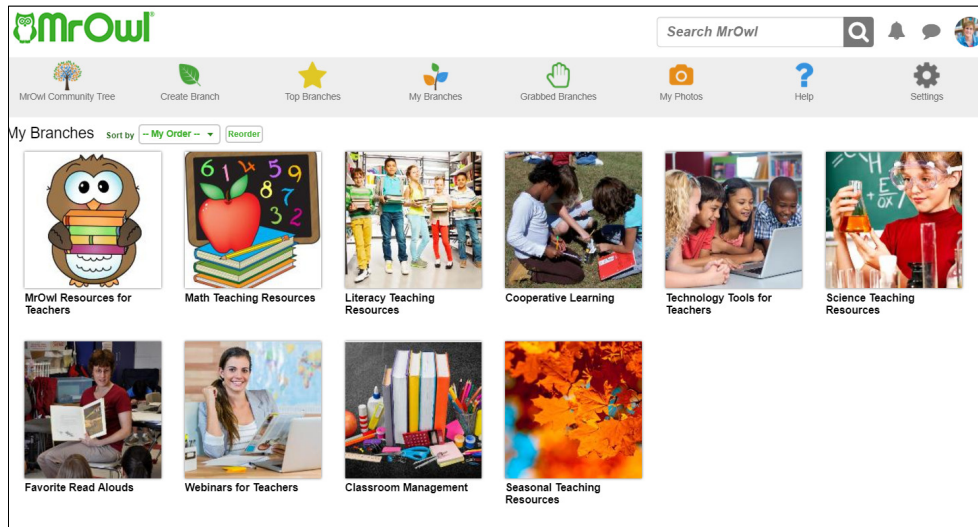
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How to Share Your Profile

Click the Share link on your profile page to share it on Pinterest, Twitter, or Facebook.
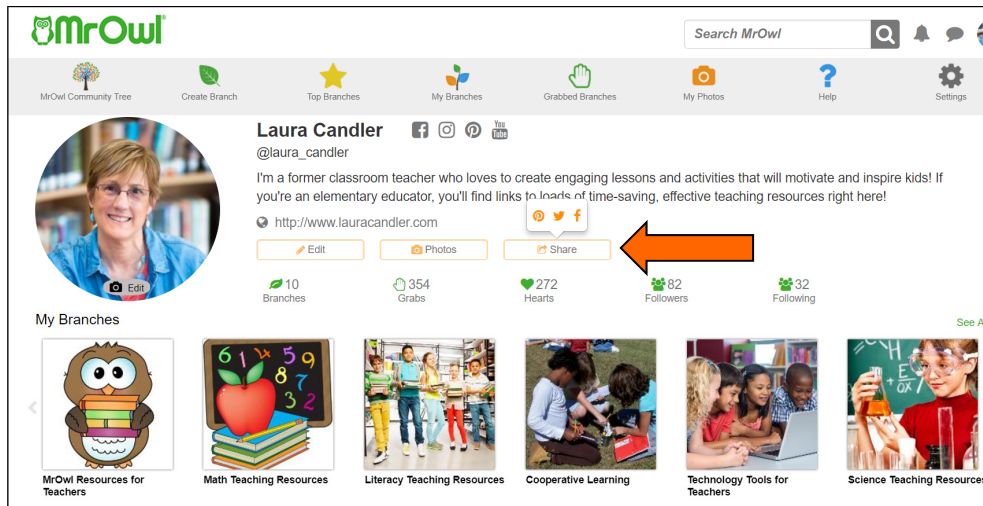
How to Connect with Others

Find and follow others; click to see who they follow and who is following them. (Follow me to access the new features for teachers. ☺)
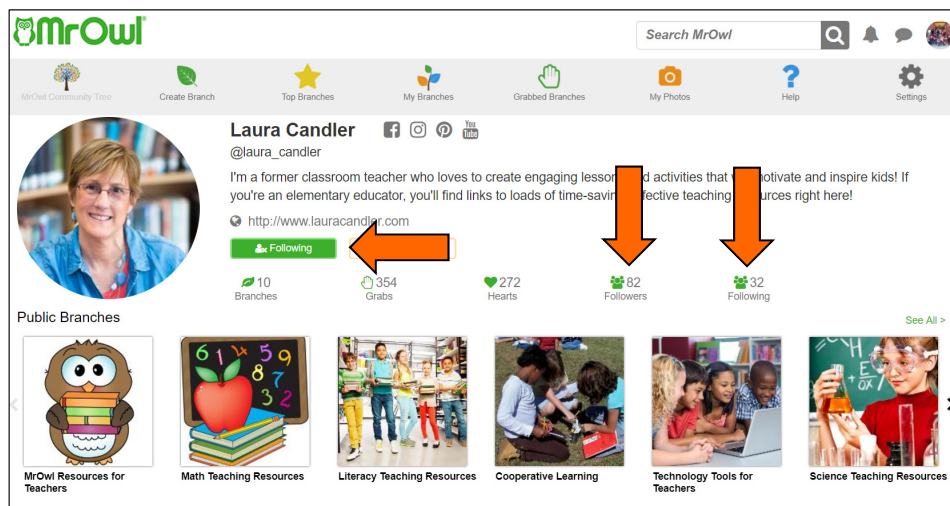
How to Message a Follower

You may only message users who follow you.
Use the message button on their profile page
or click the chat icon and start a new message.
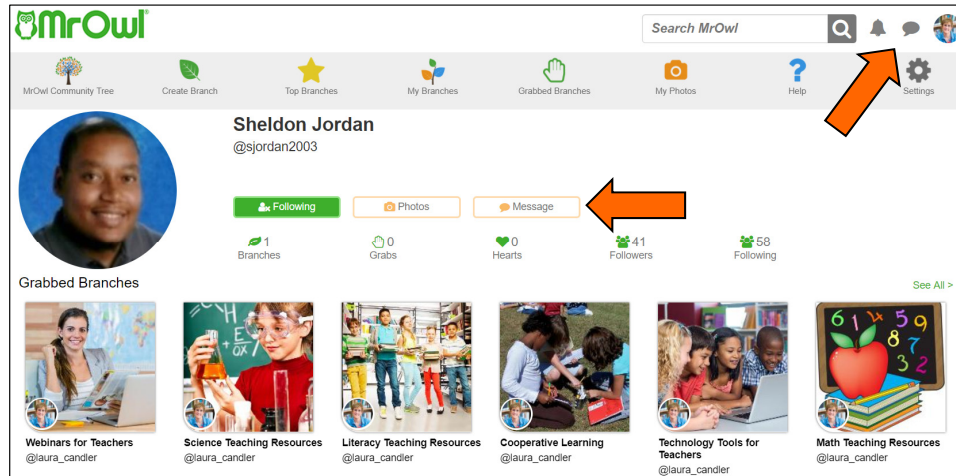
How Send a Group Message

1. Click the message icon next to your profile image.
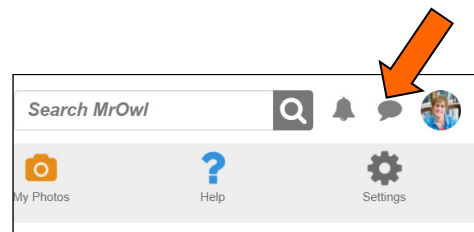
2. Click group message icon.

3. Enter a group name. You'll be able to edit the group and add an image later.
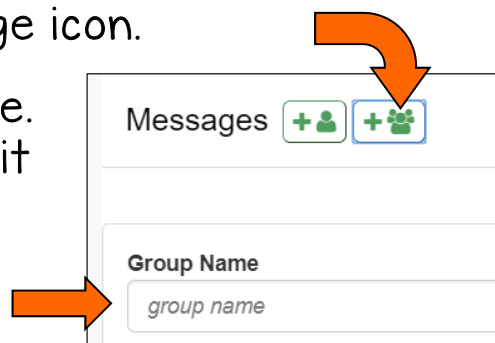
How to Send a Group Message

4. Select participants from your list of followers.

5. Click Create.

6. Enter a message and send it to all group members.

7. Replies go to all group members.

Choose Participants below:

MsApril

Salden

alekya135

alexa

amyrguidry

Create

How to Interact with Branches

When you find a user's branch you like, heart it, grab it, comment on it, and/or share it!

Science Teaching Resources

Science Teaching Resources

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Printables, lessons, activities and other resources for upper elementary teachers.

♡ Heart   ✋ Grab   ⎘ Share

♥ 26 Hearts   ✋ 37 Grabs   💬 0 Comments

Subtopics
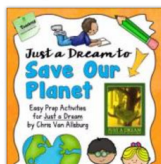
Environmental Science

Force, Motion, and Simple Machines

General Science
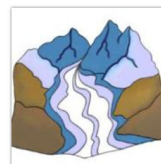
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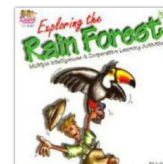
Laura Candler's Cooperative Learning Science Books

Collaborative Branches

Collaborative branches have more than one member. Make any branch collaborative by inviting others to become members.

Favorite Read Alouds

Favorite Read Alouds 🔒 Public

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This is a collaborative branch for teachers to share our favorite books for reading aloud to students. If you are a collaborator, add a link to where followers can find your recommended book online. Enter the title of the book and a short description or review the book. Be sure to include the author's name and the age or grade level of students who might enjoy this book.

✏ Edit   ↪ Share

👍 17 Grabs   ❤ 5 Hearts   💬 0 Comments   👥 5 Members

➕ Add Subtopic

Informational Text   Poetry Books   Picture Books   Favorite Fictional Chapter Books

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Branch Collaborator Roles

- If the branch is **PUBLIC**, members who are added automatically become **editors**.

- If the branch is **PRIVATE**, members can be added as **editors** or **viewers**.

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Tip: Use the messaging feature to create a group and add all collaborators so you can contact them easily.
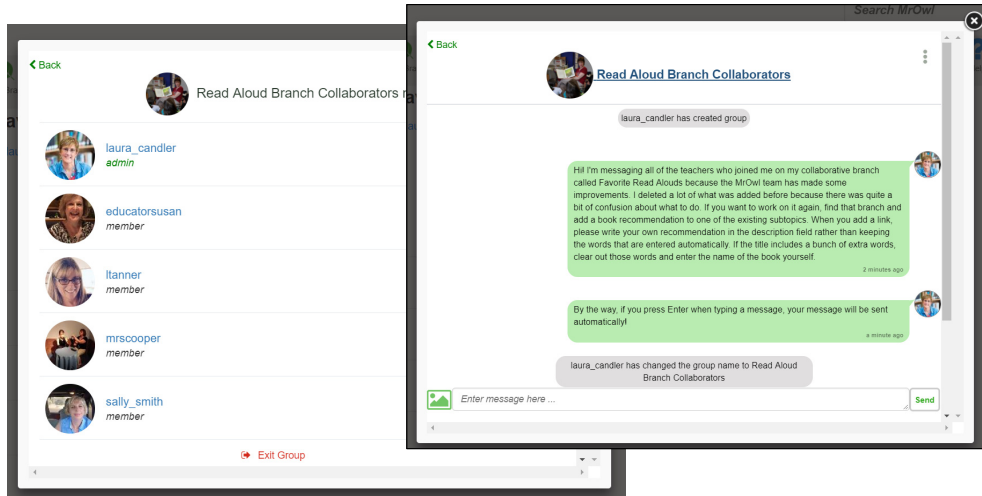
Collaborate with Your Team

Create collaborative branches for topics you teach; organize links; upload resources and lesson plans; use group messaging tools to communicate.
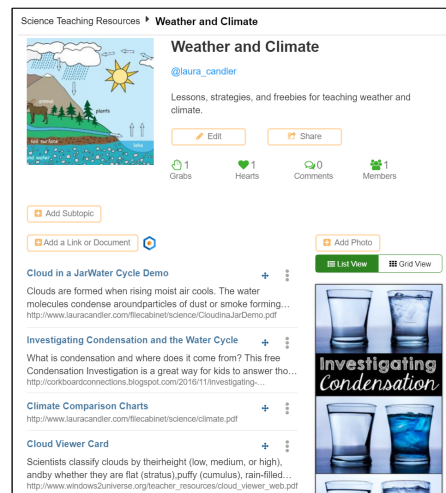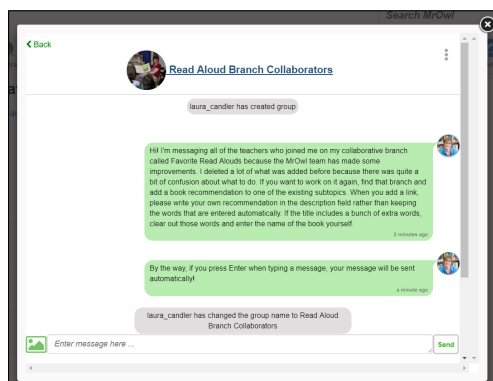
How to Use **MrOwl** in the Classroom

How can teachers use MrOwl in the classroom?

Share your ideas in the chat!

Create a Separate Class Profile
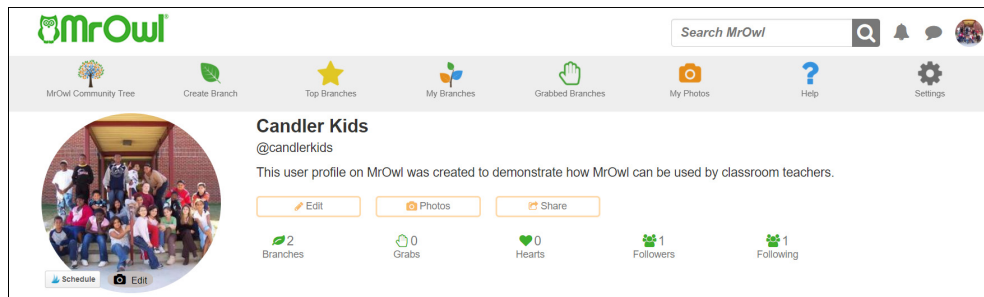
- Choose a class name and a user name
- Upload a class photo for the image
- Write a short description in the bio area.

Tip: Your user name will be public, so choose one that will help your students find it.

How to Create a Class Website

Think of your class profile page as your class website, and add branches with subtopics for the website components.
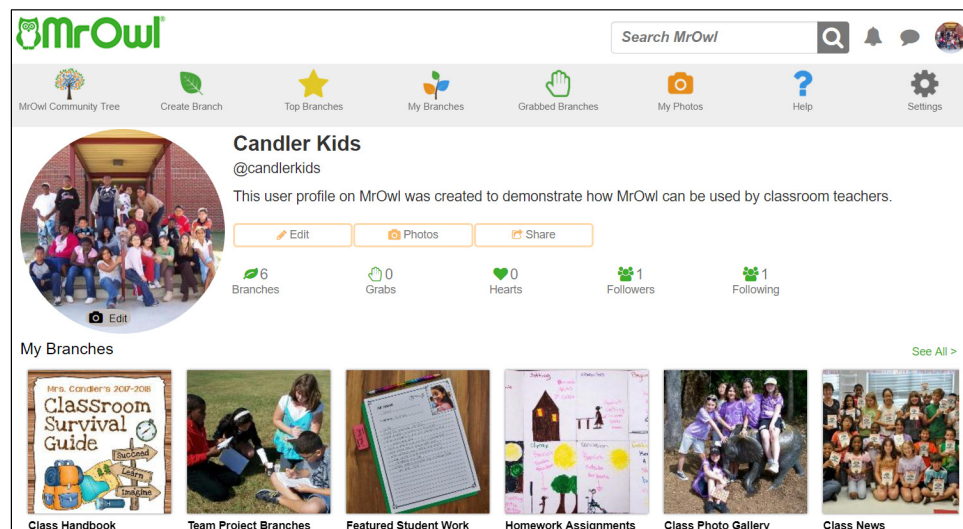
Class Website Ideas

- Class News (website template)
- Photo Gallery (photo template)
- Homework Assignments
- Featured Student Work
- Team Project Branches
- Class Handbook
- Learning Links (add a subtopic folder for each subject area)
- Student Branches (Grab individual student branches)

Classroom Ideas for Branches

- Students create branches to organize documents and resources for a project; send link to teacher to view

- Teacher creates team branches for projects and adds group members as collaborators

- Teacher creates topic branches for students to search when conducting research (Branches are like mini customized search engines!)

MrOwl
Wrap Up

What are the benefits of MrOwl? Which features make it attractive for educators?

Share in the chat!

Benefits of Using MrOwl

- Free (and free of ads)
- Branches can be public or private
- Easy to create a class website
- Keep parents informed via website and group messaging
- Upload documents and save website links in the same branch
- Browse and search branches easily
- Easy to share resources with others

New Features in the Works

- Children under 13 will only see age-appropriate content on the home page and in the top branches section
- Ability to copy branches and edit them (not just grab and save them)
- Will be able to message all members of a collaborative branch at once
- Will be able to make your entire profile private

What features would you like to see added to make MrOwl even better for educators?

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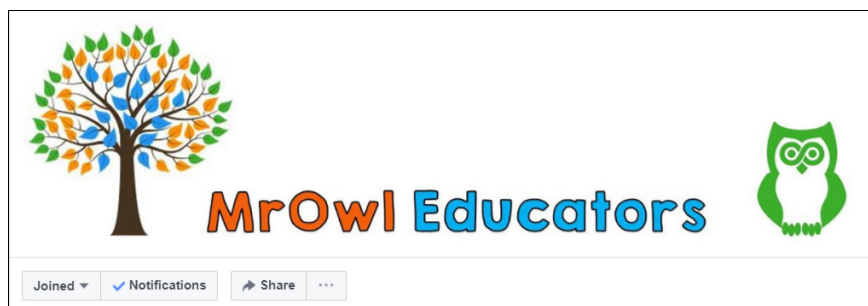
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