



Educator's Guide to MrOwl

Intro for Early Adopters

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Laura Candler's Teaching Resources



Where to
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- Blog – CorkboardConnections.com
- Facebook and Pinterest
- TpT Store – Lauracandlerontpt.com

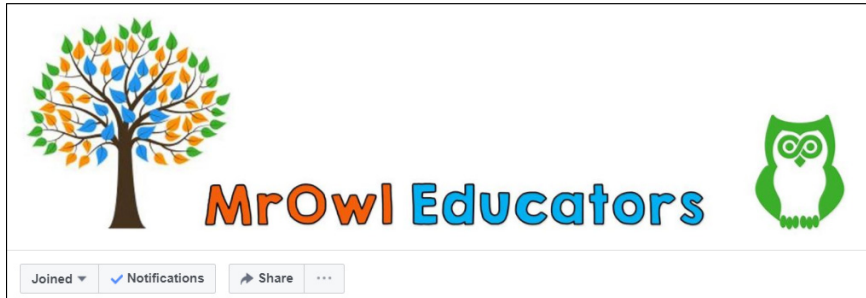
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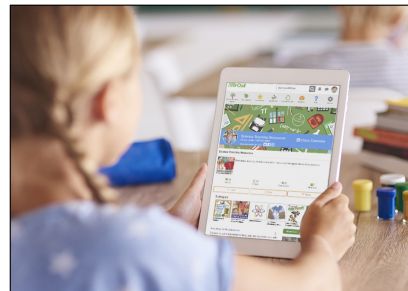
- Supporting new users
- Exploring and testing new features
- Sharing tips, strategies, and resources
- Offering feedback and suggestions to MrOwl team to improve teacher features



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Webinar Agenda

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



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

Share your ideas in the chat during the presentation.

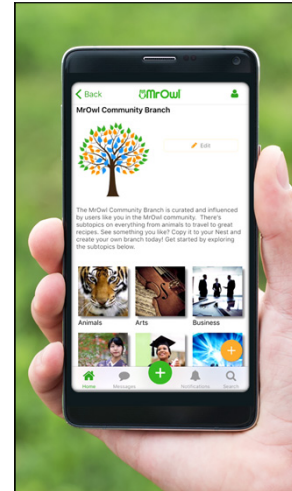
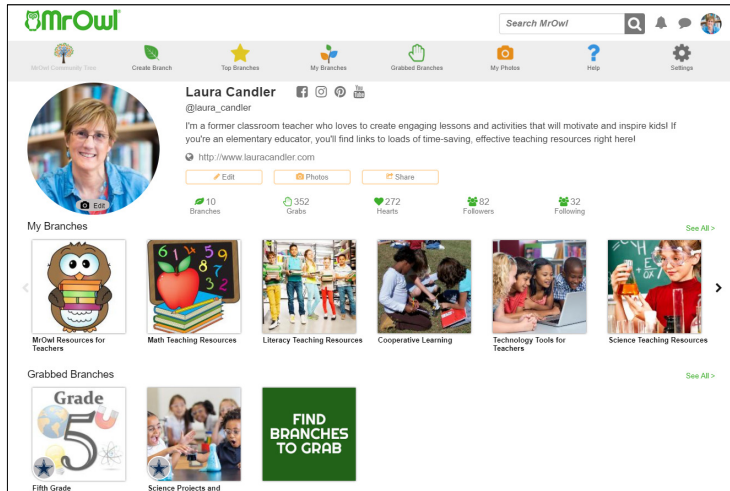


Intro to
MrOwl



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



Animals



Arts



Business



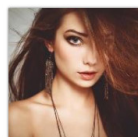
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Education



Entertainment



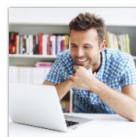
Fashion



Fitness



Food and Drink



General Reference



Health



History

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.

1 Reorder Subtopics

Add Subtopic



Animals



Arts



Business



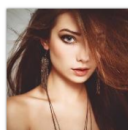
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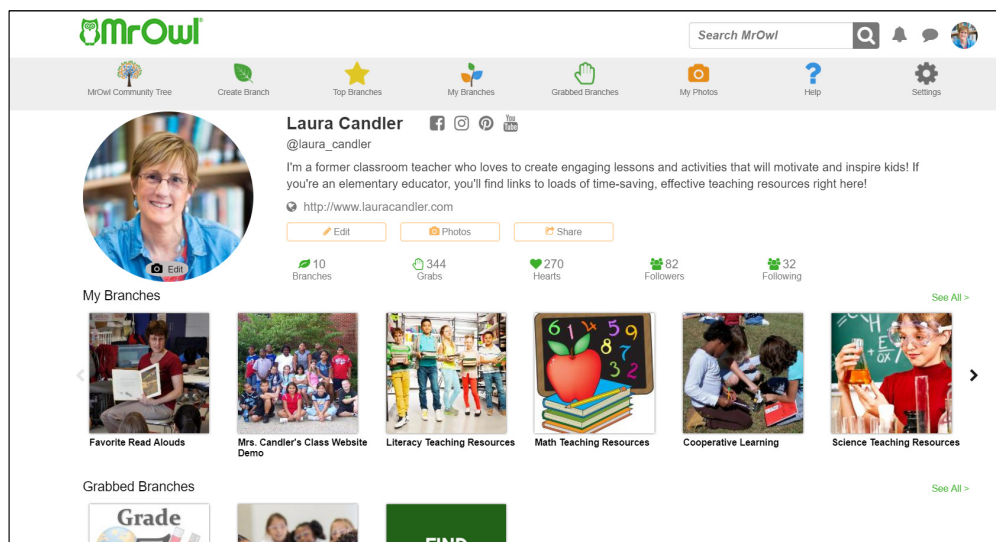
MrOwl Members (Users)

- 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.)



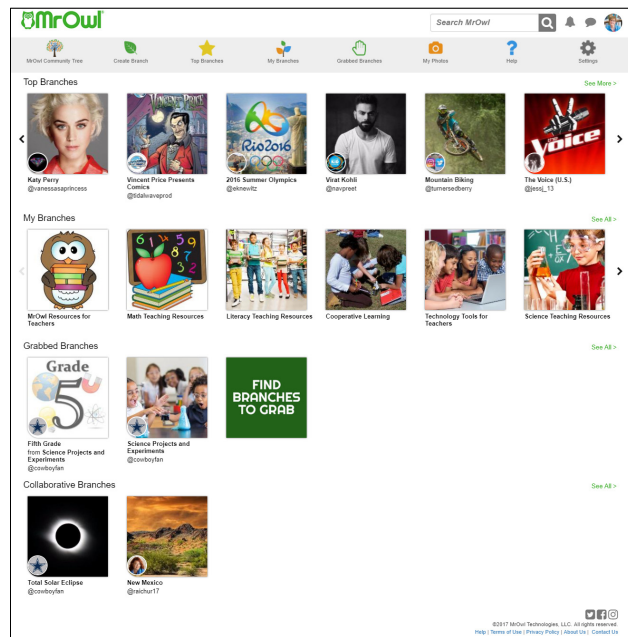
MrOwl Members (Users)

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



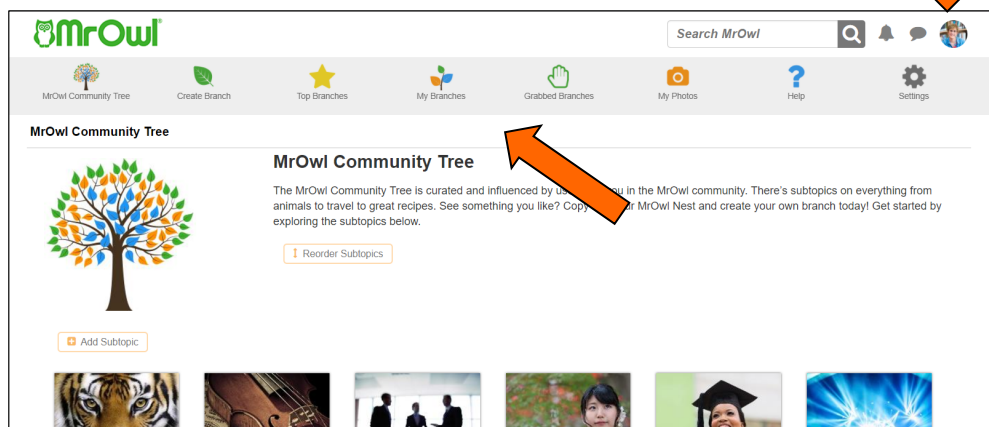
MrOwl Website Navigation

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



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



2 Types of Branches

- MrOwl Community Tree Branches
- User-created branches



Branches and Subtopics



Main topics are organized in branches.

My Branches



Math Teaching Resources



Literacy Teaching Resources



Cooperative Learning



Technology Tools for Teachers



Science Teaching Resources



Favorite Read Alouds

See All >



Branches can be broken down into subtopics

Math Teaching Resources



Math Teaching Resources # Public

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Math lessons, games, activities, and other resources for upper elementary teachers.

Edit

Share

86

Grades

58

Hearts

0

Comments

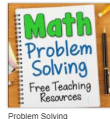
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Members

Add Subtopic



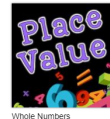
Common Core



Problem Solving



Math Books



Whole Numbers

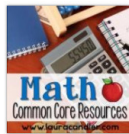


Geometry

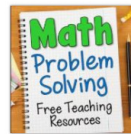
Branches and Subtopics



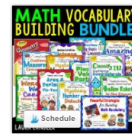
- Branches and subtopics may include
- Links to webpages and online resources
 - Uploaded photos and documents



Common Core



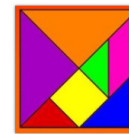
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Fractions

Add a Link or Document

Math Games Make Learning Fun!

Spring is the perfect time to use math games with your students. Either you are finished with testing and the kids are restless, or you still have testing ahead of you and your kids are restless! Math games will motivate your students, keep them on task, and also help them revi...
<http://corboardconnections.blogspot.com/2013/04/mathgames.html>

6 Reasons to Teach Calculator Skills

Like most kids, my students were intimidated by word problems, so I decided to integrate calculator skills into our problem-solving lessons. I quickly discovered that learning to use a calculator had a tremendous positive impact on my students' mathematical thinking. Furthermore,...
<http://corboardconnections.blogspot.com/2015/09/calculator-skills.html>

8 Strategies to Motivate Kids to Love Problem Solving

Students often fear math, especially problem solving, and feeling intimidated by math keeps them from being able to relax and apply their knowledge to the task at hand. The resulting brain freeze serves to reinforce the idea that mathematics is scary and difficult. Standards ke...
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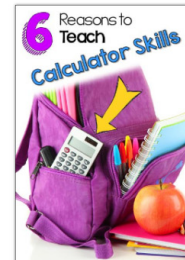
Tips for Teaching with Math Games

Who doesn't love a game? In the math classroom, games offer an engaging alternative to worksheets, allowing students to work with others and have fun while learning. They're perfect for practicing new skills or reviewing previously learned content. Math games are extremely...

Add Photo

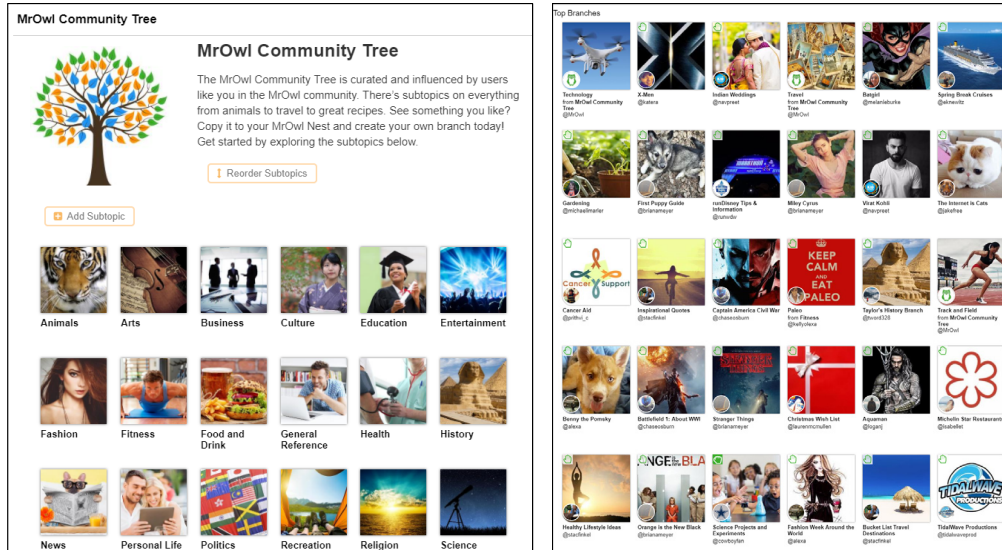
List View

Grid View



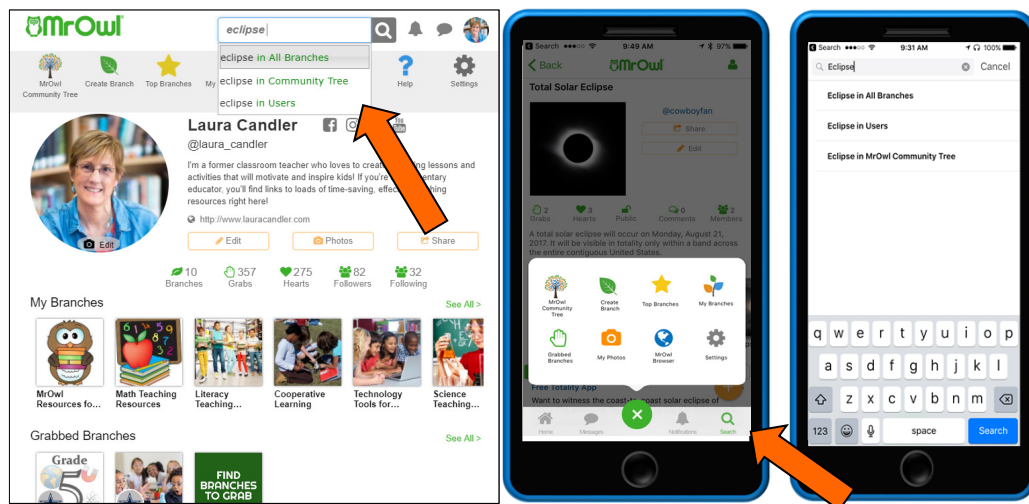
How to Browse for Resources

Two easy options: Community Tree and Top Branches



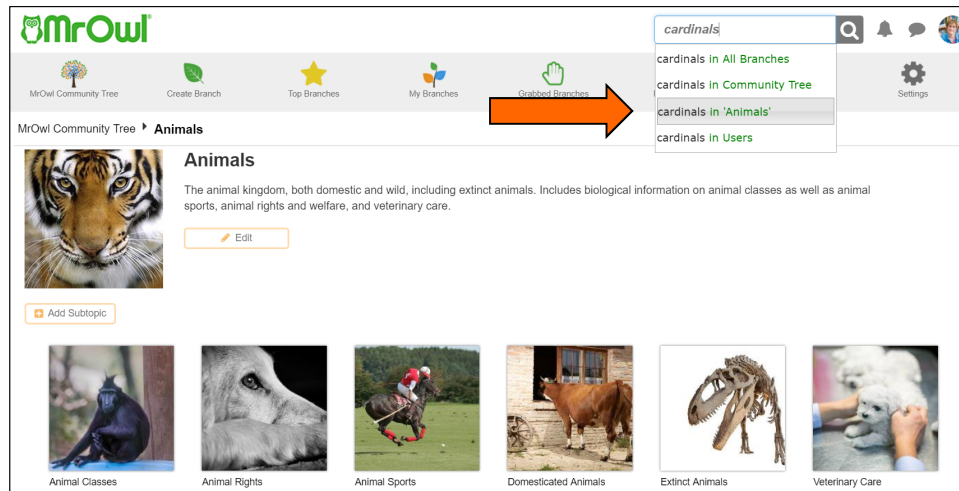
How to Search for Resources

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

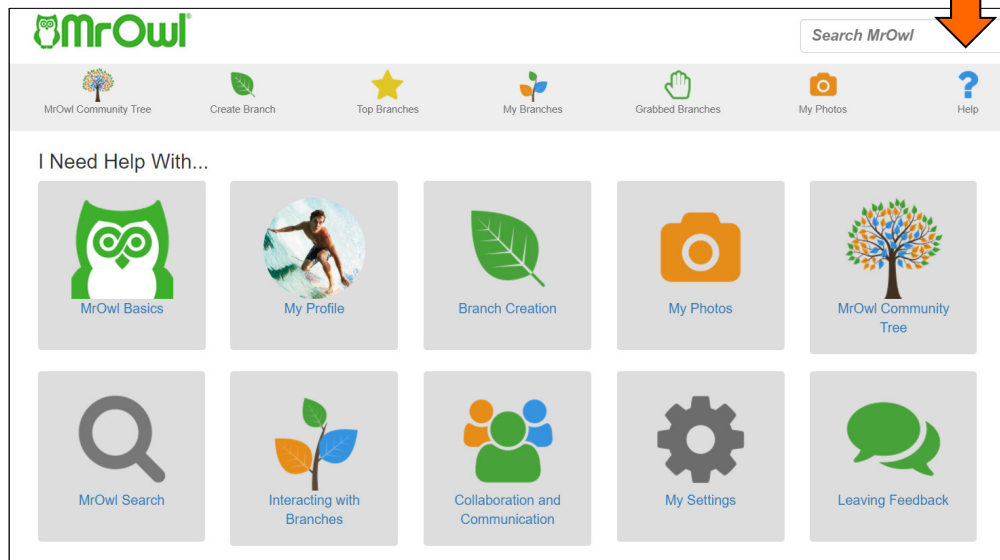


Searching the Community Tree

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

Interacting with Branches

Read Answer

How do I grab someone else's "branch"?

Once I've grabbed someone else's "branch", how do I fix it?

How do I let someone know that I like their "branch" by?

What is the difference between a "branch" and a "topic"?

How can I leave a comment on a "branch"?

How do I sort "branches" by date?

Interacting with Branches

Read Answer

How do I grab someone else's "branch"?

Go into the "branch" that you want to grab and click on the orange GRAB button to grab it. It will turn green to indicate that you've grabbed it.

When you grab a "branch" by clicking on the orange hand icon on the topic image to grab the "branch" directly without having to go into the "branch" first. If you grab a "branch" in the GRAB section, you will not be able to grab it. But you will be able to add it to your "branches" at a later time.

The screenshot shows the OmrOwl website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with icons for Community, Create Branch, Topic Images, My Branches, Grabbed Branches, My Topics, and Help. Below this, the main content area features a video player for 'Mountain Biking' by 'LumenVideoLibrary'. The video player has a progress bar at 0:11 / 0:27 and a volume icon. To the right of the video player, there's a section for 'Mountain Biking' with a description 'Don't Limit Your Challenges, Challenge Your Limits.' and buttons for 'Heart', 'Grab', and 'Share'. Below the video player, there's a 'Subtopics' section with three images: a mountain bike, a person riding a bike, and a person riding a bike.

Questions and Feedback

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

Contact Us

Please tell us what your feedback is about.

☒ Make a Comment ☐ Ask a Question ☐ Report a Bug




Your Name:

Your E-mail:

Subject:

Message:

[Give Feedback](#)

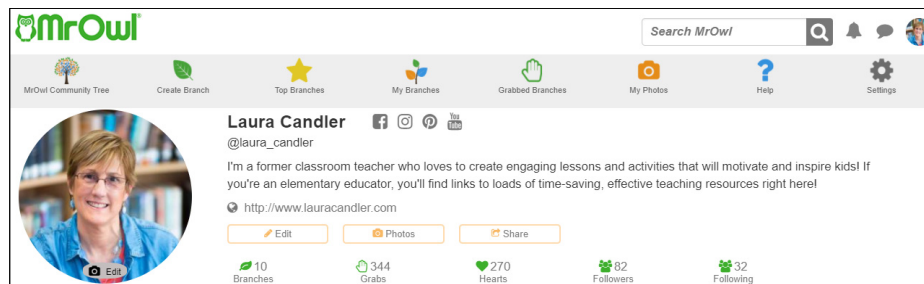
  

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Getting Started on MrOwl



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

The screenshot shows the MrOwl website interface. The top navigation bar includes links for MrOwl Community Tree, Create Branch, Top Branches, My Branches, Grabbed Branches, My Photos, Help, and Settings. The Settings page is open, showing a sidebar with links like My Account, Social Media Settings, Logout, Nest, Notifications, Reset Password, and MrOwl Chrome Extension. The main content area is titled 'MrOwl Chrome Extension' and explains how to add the extension. It includes a link '1. Get MrOwl Chrome extension' (arrow 3), a description of the extension's features, and a button 'ADD TO CHROME' (arrow 1). A modal window is shown with the text 'Add "Check and add URL to your MrOwl account?"' and a list of permissions: 'Read your browsing history', 'Display notifications', and 'Manage your apps, extensions, and themes'. The 'Add extension' button is highlighted with arrow 4. Below the modal, a message states: 'Once it's been added you will get a message that it's been added and you will see the MrOwl chrome extension icon on your upper toolbar.' An arrow 2 points to the 'MrOwl Chrome Extension' link in the sidebar.

Create Your First Branch

The screenshot shows the 'Create a New Branch' page on the MrOwl website. The top navigation bar is the same as in the previous screenshot. The main content area is titled 'Create a New Branch' and includes a definition: 'A "branch" is a collection of information that you're interested in. You can even customize it by adding website links, photos, documents and more!'. Below this, it says 'Get started today by naming and describing your branch below!'. The form has the following fields: 'Branch Name' (placeholder: 'Name your branch'), 'Branch Description' (placeholder: 'Enter a description of your branch'), 'Make Your Branch' (radio buttons for 'Private' and 'Public'), and 'Branch Image' (a 'Choose File' button and the text 'No file chosen'). A 'Create New Branch' button is at the bottom. Arrows indicate the following steps: arrow 1 points to the 'Create Branch' link in the top navigation bar; arrow 2 points to the 'Branch Name' field; arrow 3 points to the 'Branch Description' field; arrow 4 points to the 'Private' radio button; and arrow 5 points to the 'Choose File' button.

How to Upload a Document

MrOwl Search MrOwl

MrOwl Community Tree Create Branch Top Branches My Branches Grabbed Branches My Photos Help Settings

MrOwl Resources for Teachers @laura_candler

Collection of links to resources and information about how to use MrOwl in the classroom.

0 Grabs 0 Hearts 0 Comments 1 Members

1 Add Subtopic

2 Add a Link or Document

3 Add Link Add Document

4 File Name: How to Use Collaborative Branches on MrOwl

File Description: Step by step directions with screen shots to explain how to create collaborative branches and how to invite others to join them.

Choose File: How to Use ...n MrOwl.pdf

Submit Reset

Add Photo

List View Grid View

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How to Add a Photo or Image

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MrOwl Resources for Teachers

A collection of resources and links for teachers who are interested in learning how to use MrOwl in the classroom. Includes a link to a free webinar and other informational resources.

<http://www.lauracandler.com/mrowl>

Discover MrOwl, a Free New Tech Tool Teachers Will Love!

Have you discovered MrOwl? It's a brand new tech tool you can use to create a personalized Internet experience based on the topics that are important to you. You can easily build, organize, and customize topic "branches" that you share with friends and family. It's free...

<http://corkboardconnections.blogspot.com/2017/08/mrowl.html>

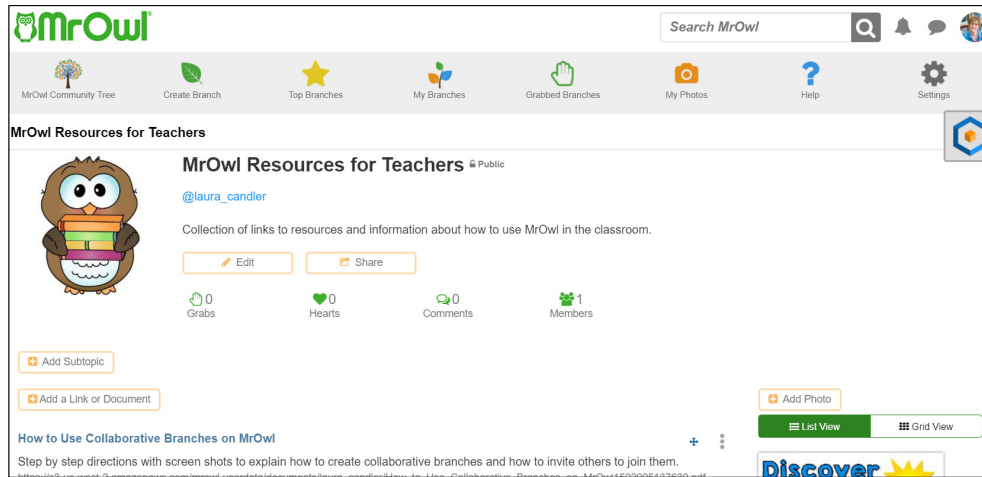
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3 Easy Ways to Add a Link

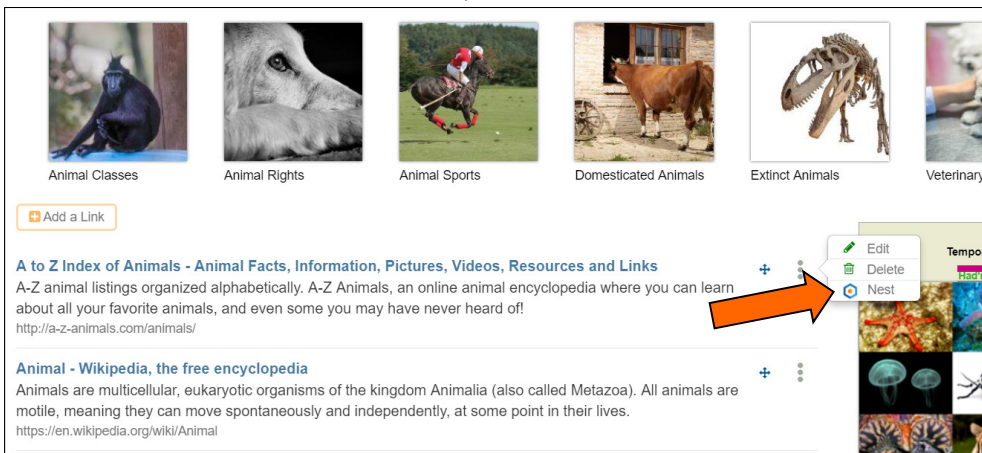
1. Use the Nest tool (for MrOwl Content)
2. Use the Chrome Extension to grab link
3. Manually add a link (copy and paste URL)



Use the MrOwl Nest Tool



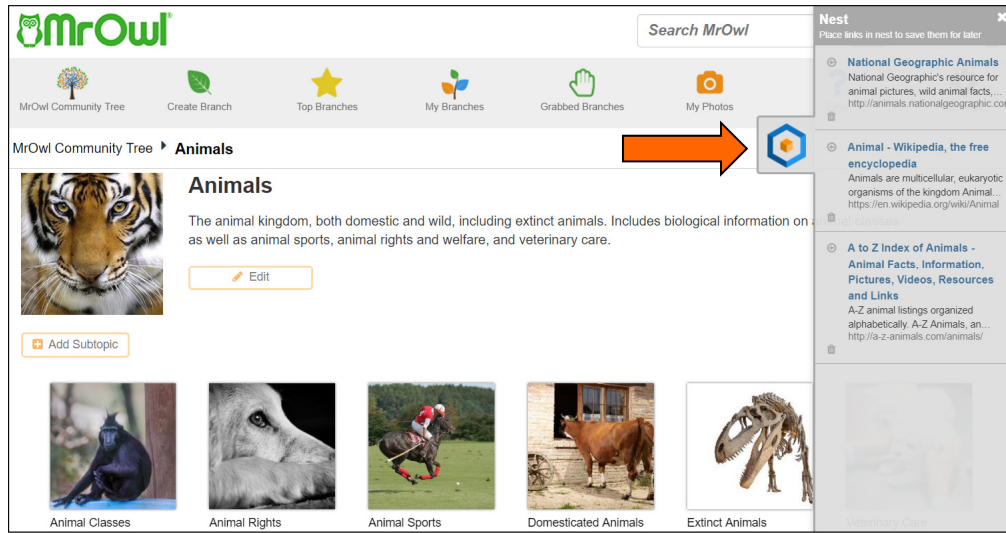
Find content you like in any branch and click the 3 dots next to the link to open the menu. Click the nest icon to add it to your MrOwl nest. Repeat with each link you want to save.



Use the MrOwl Nest Tool



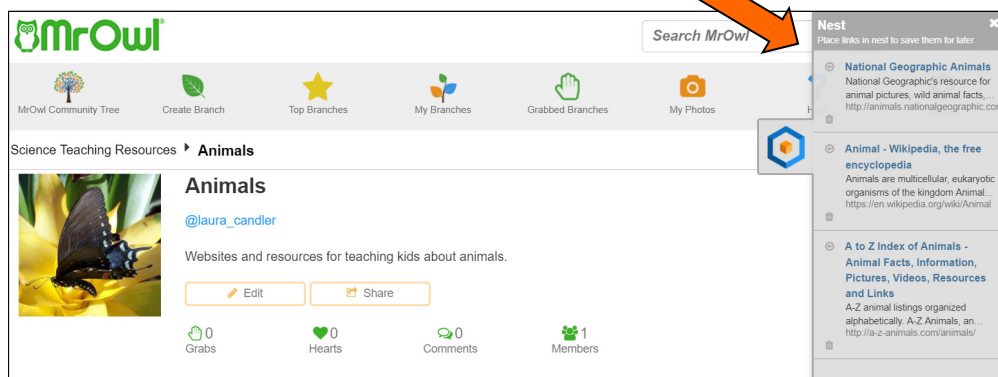
After you add each link, the Nest panel will slide open to display what you've added.



Use the MrOwl Nest Tool



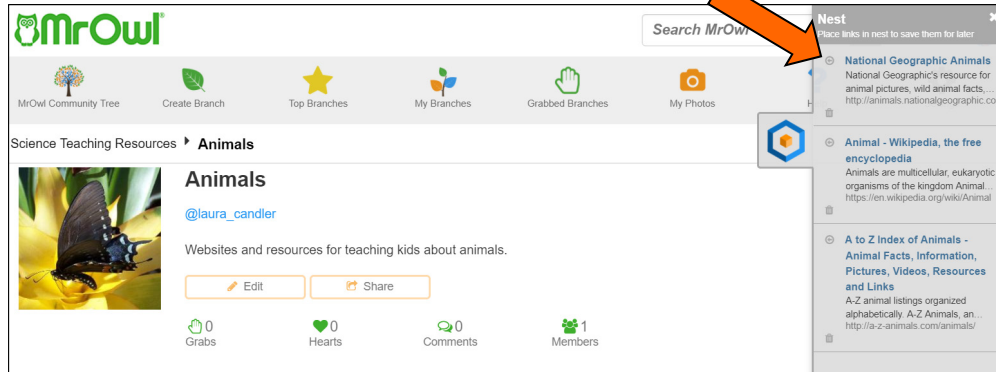
Navigate to one of your own branches and click on the nest icon to open it. Then click the small arrow next to each item in your nest to add it to that branch.



Use Your MrOwl Nest



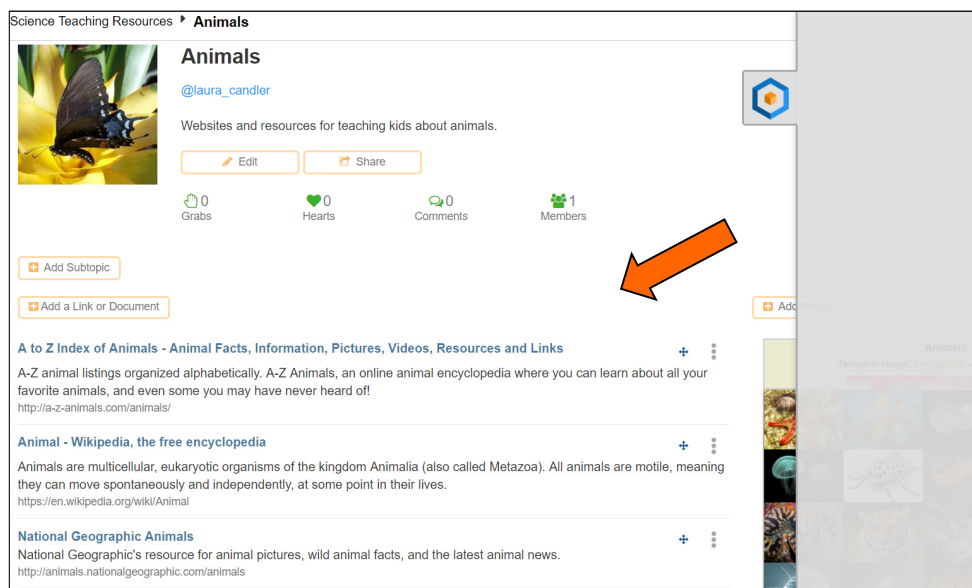
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Use the MrOwl Nest Tool



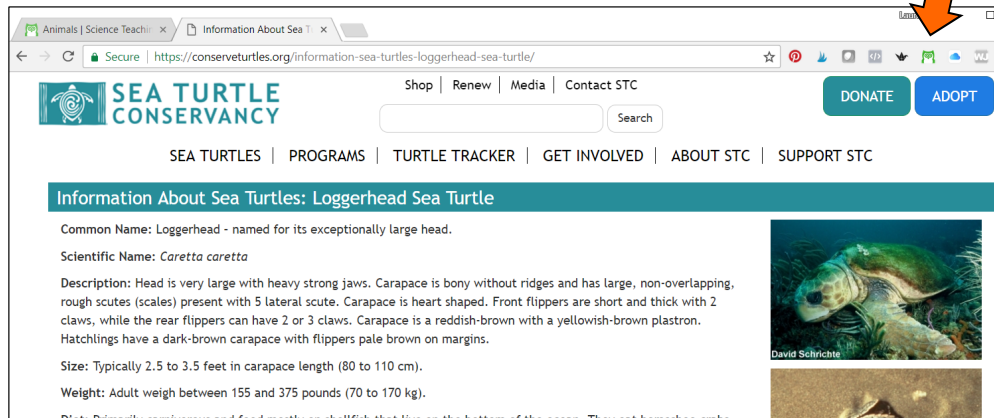
Done! Links copied to branch and saved!



Use the Chrome Extension



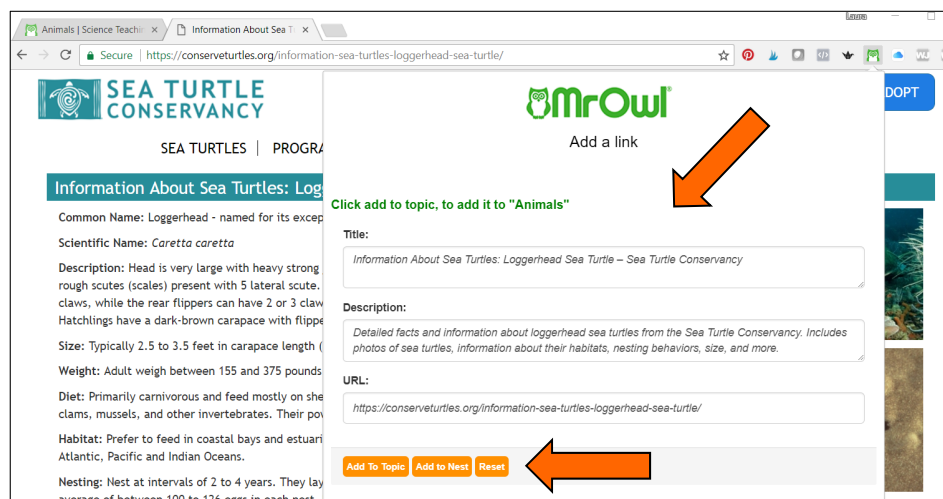
Click on the branch you're updating and open another tab to search for resources online. When you find a website you like, click the MrOwl Chrome Extension icon.



Use the Chrome Extension

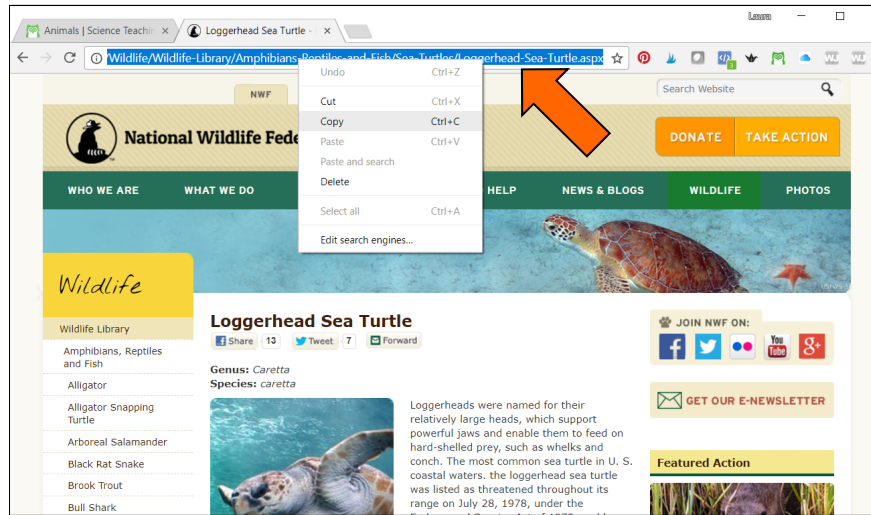


Read the details that auto populate the form fields and edit them if needed. Then add to the link to the topic (branch) or nest.



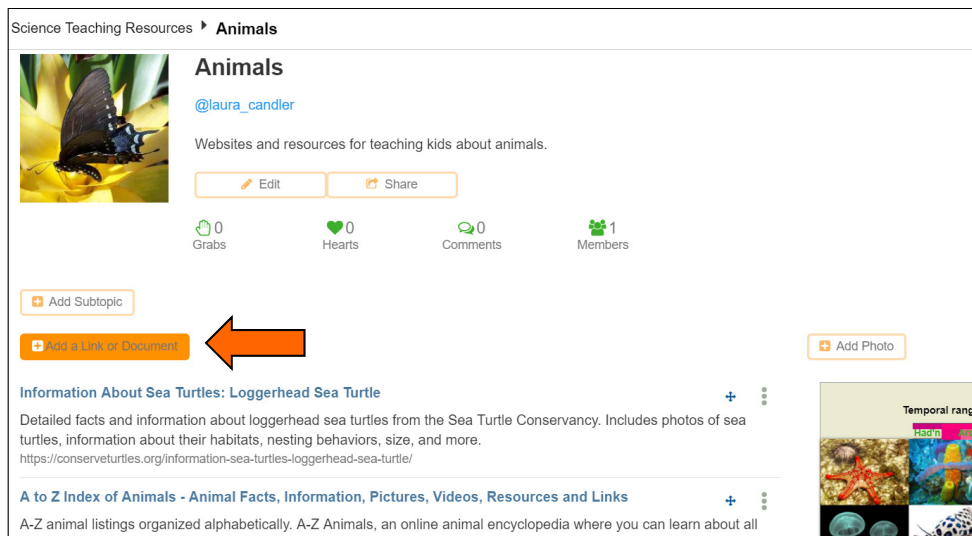
Manually Add a Website Link

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.



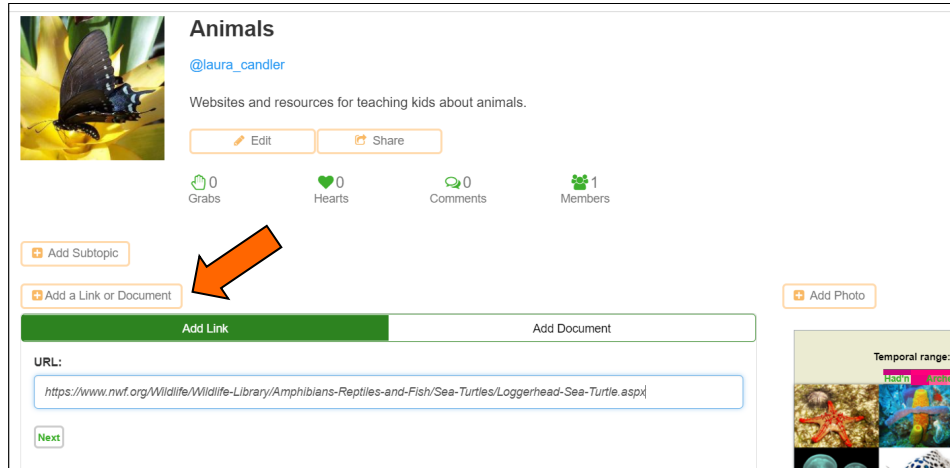
Manually Add a Website Link

Click branch you want to update, and then click the Add a Link or Document button.



Manually Add a Website Link

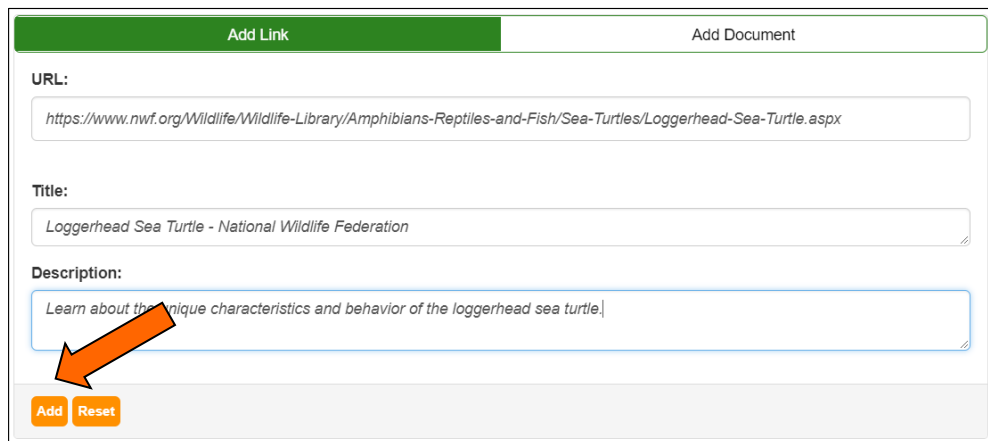
Click Add a Link or Document where you want to add the link. Right click and paste the URL where shown. Click Next.



The screenshot shows a user profile for 'Animals' (@laura_candler) with a butterfly profile picture. Below the profile name are buttons for 'Edit' and 'Share'. There are also statistics for '0 Grabs', '0 Hearts', '0 Comments', and '1 Member'. A green bar at the bottom contains two tabs: 'Add Link' (selected) and 'Add Document'. An orange arrow points to the 'Add a Link or Document' button above the 'Add Link' tab. Below the tabs, the 'URL:' field contains the text: <https://www.nwf.org/Wildlife/Wildlife-Library/Amphibians-Reptiles-and-Fish/Sea-Turtles/Loggerhead-Sea-Turtle.aspx>. A 'Next' button is at the bottom left. On the right side, there is an 'Add Photo' button and a preview of a document titled 'Temporal range: 0'.

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.



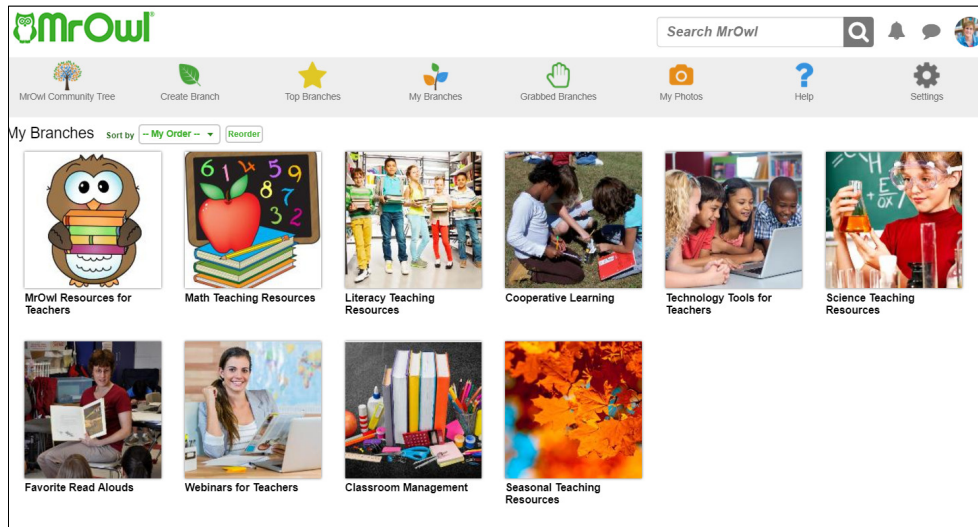
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- Title:** Loggerhead Sea Turtle - National Wildlife Federation
- Description:** Learn about the unique characteristics and behavior of the loggerhead sea turtle.

An orange arrow points to the 'Add' button at the bottom left of the form. There is also a 'Reset' button next to it.

Organize Professional Resources

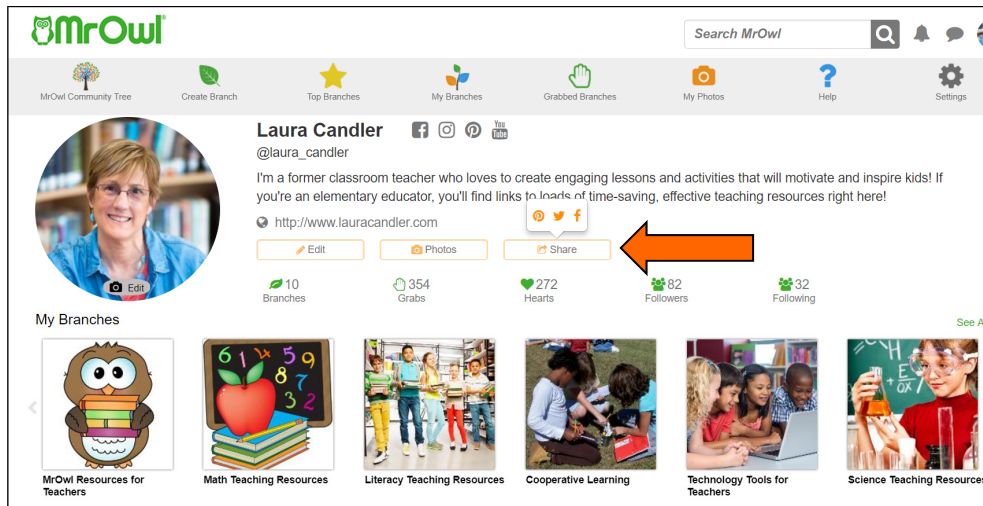
Create branches for units, subject areas, teaching methods, management ideas, etc.



Connecting & Collaborating on MrOwl

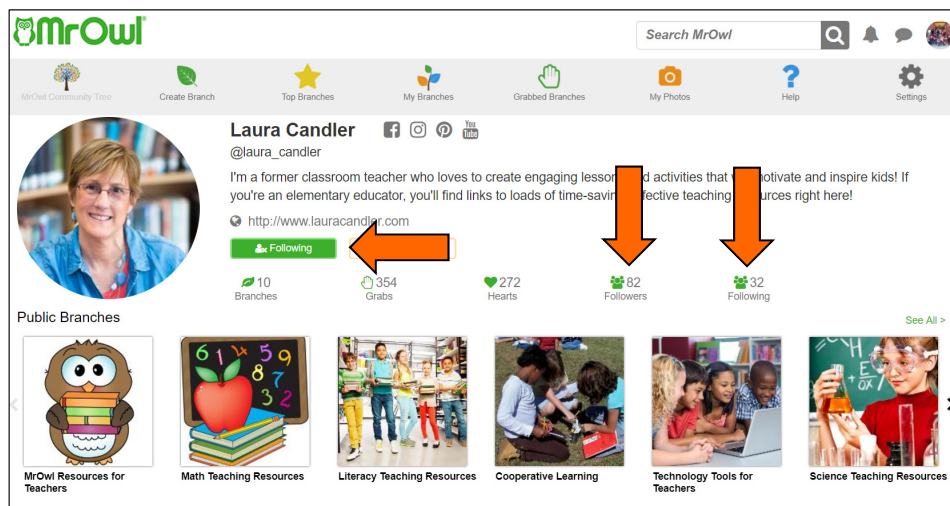
How to Share Your Profile

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



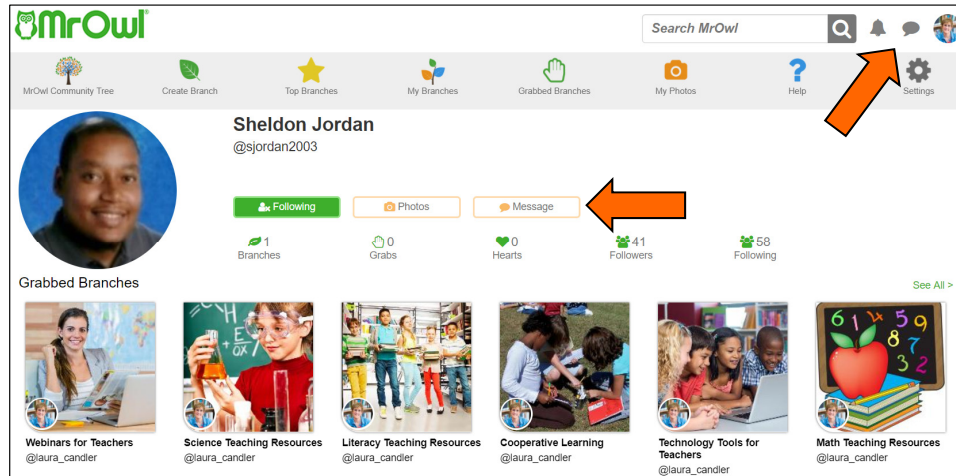
How to Connect with Others

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



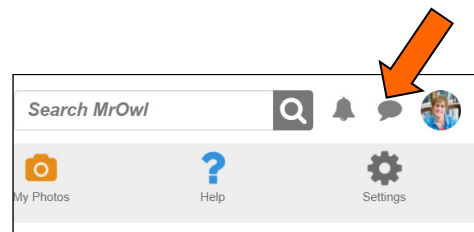
How to Message a Follower

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.



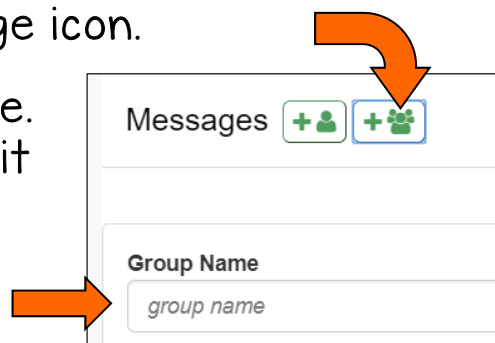
How Send a Group Message

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

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Hearts

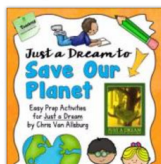
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Subtopics



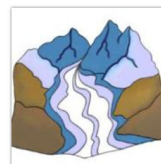
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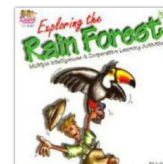
Force, Motion, and Simple Machines



General Science



Landforms, Weathering, and Erosion



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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Add Subtopic

You Wouldn't Want to Be a Tyrant!
Informational Text

Emma Dilemma
Poetry Books

The Witches
Picture Books

The Witches
Favorite Fictional Chapter Books

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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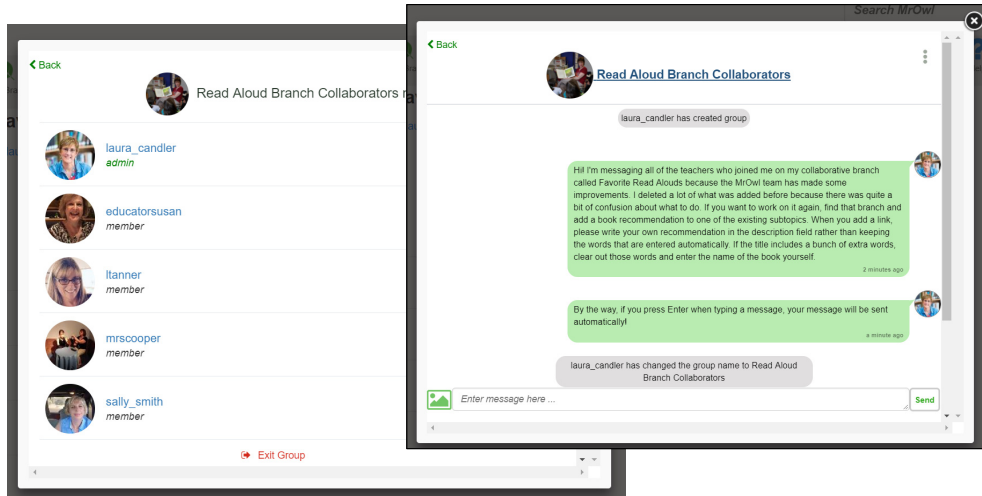
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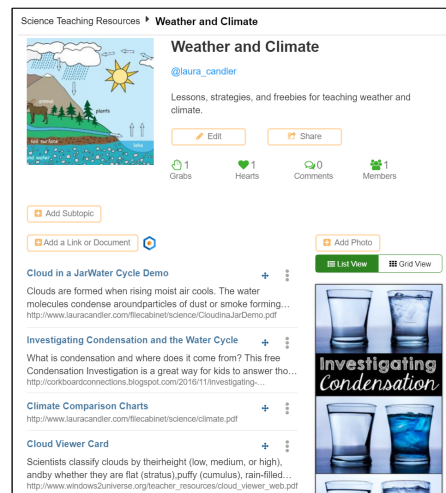
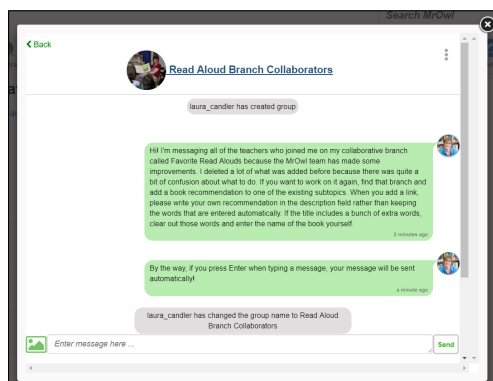
Collaborative Branches

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

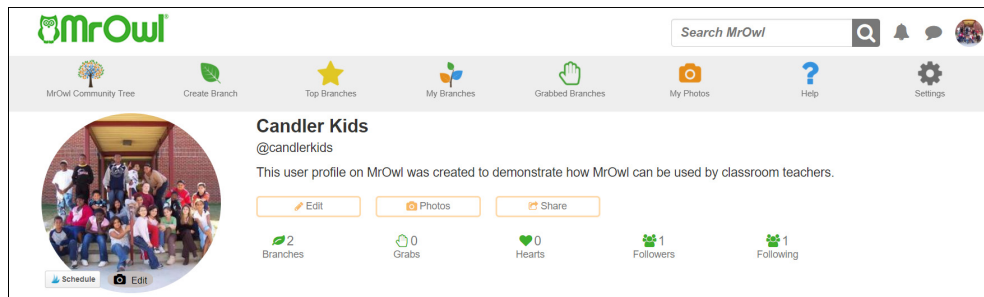


How can teachers use
MrOwl in the classroom?

Share your
ideas in
the chat!



Create a Separate Class Profile

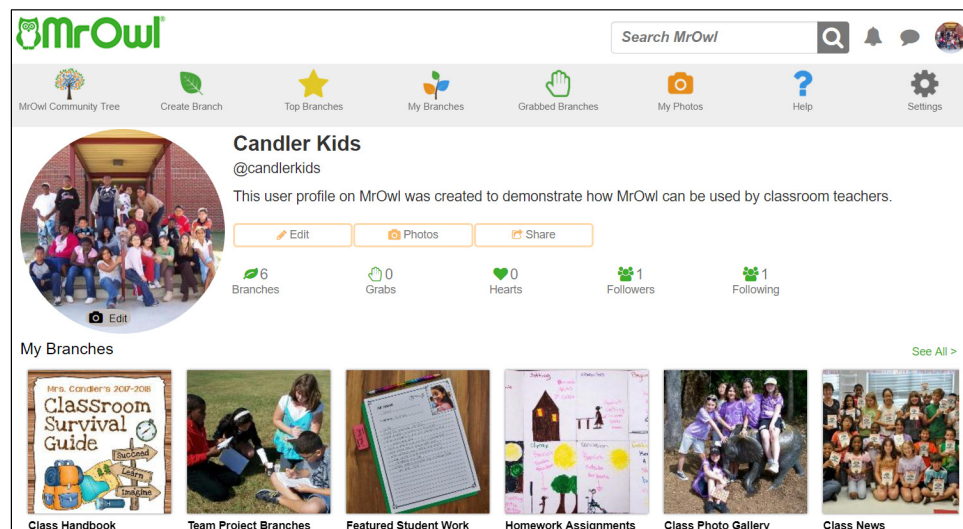


- Choose a class name and a user name
- Upload a class photo for the image
- Write a short description in the bio area.

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!)

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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



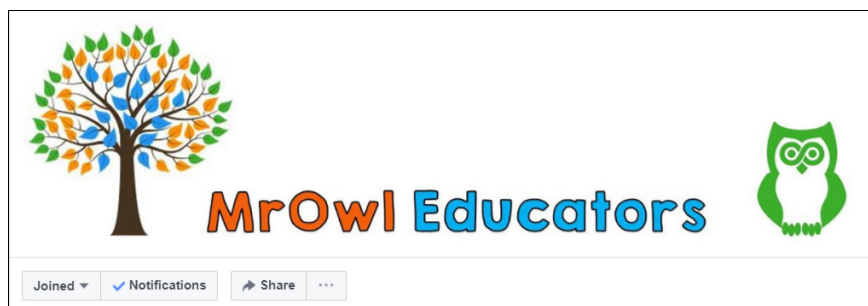
What features would you like to see added to make MrOwl even better for educators?

Share in the chat or use the “Contact Us” link on MrOwl.



MrOwl Educators on Facebook

- Supporting new users
- Exploring and testing new features
- Sharing tips, strategies, and resources
- Offering feedback and suggestions to MrOwl team to improve teacher features



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