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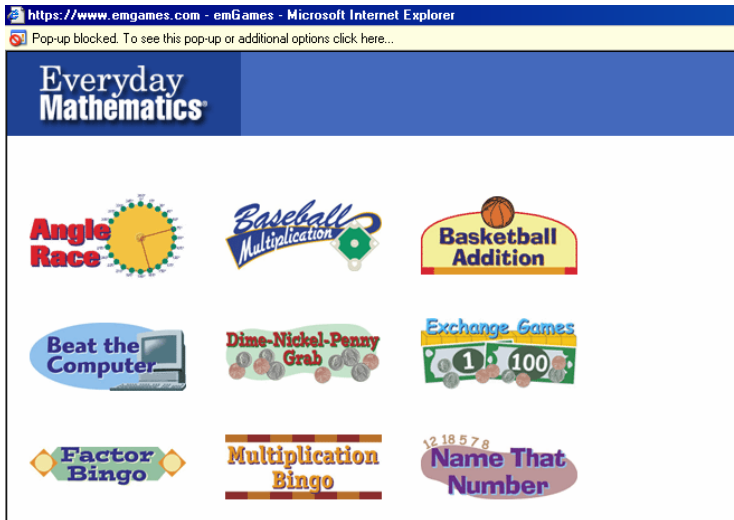
# Weekly Widget

## My Everyday Math Game Won't Open?!?!?

Everyday Math Games open up in what is called a Pop-up box. This is because they want the game to pop up without disrupting the page that has all the game links on it.

However...all of our machines are set to block Pop-ups because of the advertising nature of them.

So....be sure to remind your students to click the yellow pop up blocker tool on the top of the window when trying to open their games.

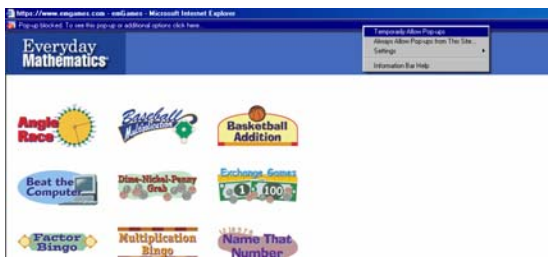


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What's a Pop up?

Pop-up ads or popups are a form of online advertising on the World Wide Web intended to attract web traffic or capture email addresses

-Wikipedia



Then they need to click the "Temporarily Allow Popups" choice .

Then their game choice box will open.

## A New Kind of Puzzlemaker.com

Website of Interest from Stephanie Brock:

[www.armoredpenguin.com](http://www.armoredpenguin.com)

It is a website like Puzzlemaker but a little easier to navigate. Students can create Word Searches, Crossword Puzzles and work with logic puzzles online. The puzzle and answer keys can be printed as pdf documents.

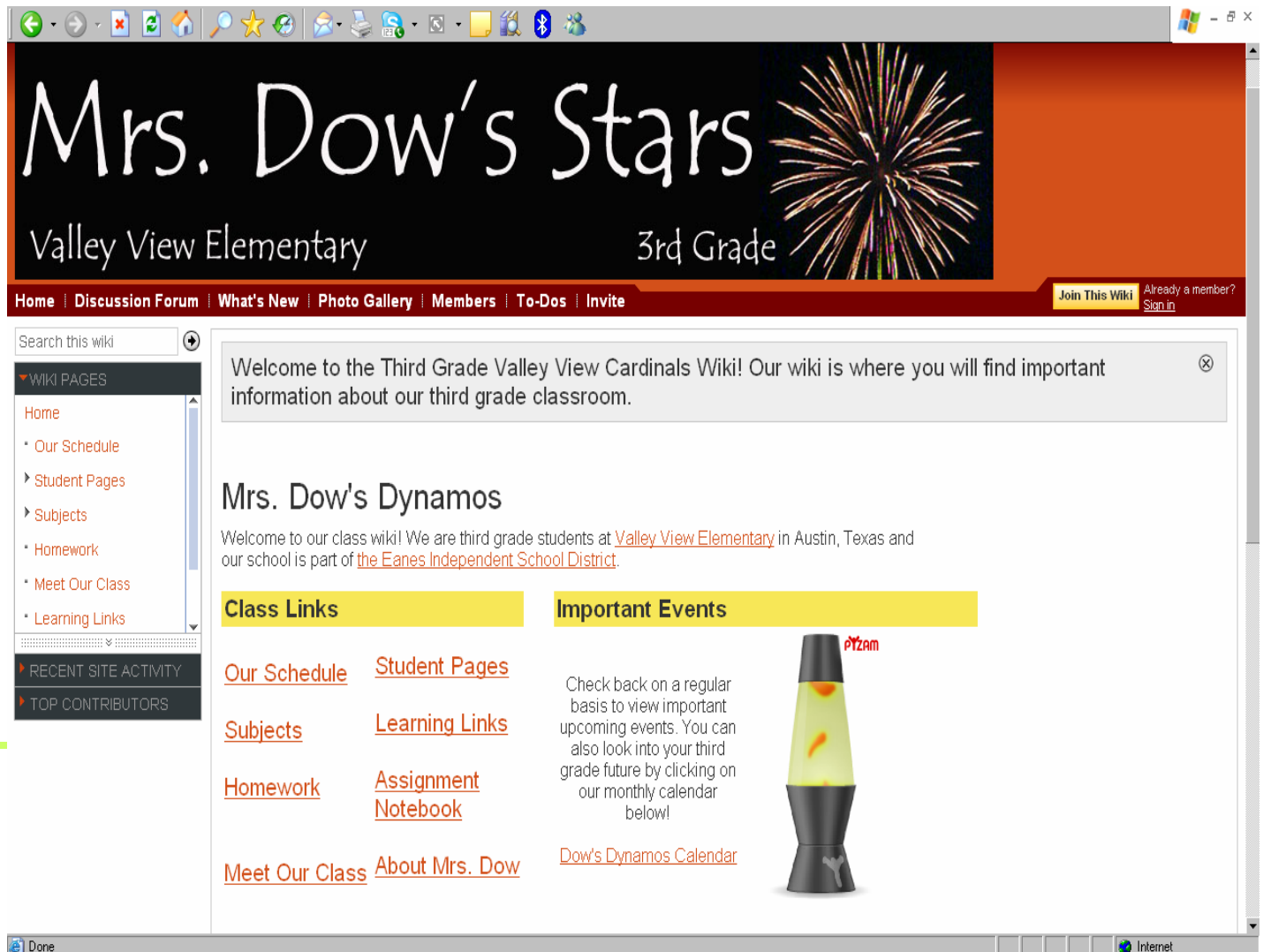


Armored Penguin

## Wikis...Websites of the Future?

As part of her Master's classes this summer, **Melanie Dow** created a new 3rd grade website using a Wiki called Wetpaint.com. It has a nice, clean look to it and the best thing, you can edit it from anywhere!! No Frontpage required! Take a look, as this may be the future of how we create and edit our websites.

<http://thirdgradecardinals.wetpaint.com/>

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the 'Mrs. Dow's Stars' Wiki website. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'http://thirdgradecardinals.wetpaint.com/'. The website has a dark header with the title 'Mrs. Dow's Stars' in white, 'Valley View Elementary' on the left, and '3rd Grade' on the right, with a firework image. A navigation menu includes 'Home', 'Discussion Forum', 'What's New', 'Photo Gallery', 'Members', 'To-Dos', and 'Invite'. A search bar is at the top left. A sidebar lists 'WIKI PAGES' such as 'Home', 'Our Schedule', 'Student Pages', 'Subjects', 'Homework', 'Meet Our Class', and 'Learning Links'. The main content area features a welcome message, the title 'Mrs. Dow's Dynamos', and a description of the class. Below this are two columns of links: 'Class Links' (Our Schedule, Student Pages, Subjects, Learning Links, Homework, Assignment Notebook, Meet Our Class, About Mrs. Dow) and 'Important Events' (Dow's Dynamos Calendar). A lava lamp image is also present. The browser's status bar at the bottom shows 'Done' and 'Internet'.

It's even got a working Lava Lamp!

Check out these other VVE wikis (note: wikis can be created using pbwiki.com also):

VVE Bluebonnet Wiki created by Patti Iles <http://vbluebonnets.pbwiki.com/>

Winn Dixie Wiki created by Stephanie Brock and Melanie Dow <http://winndixiewiki.pbwiki.com/>

Readers and Writers Wiki created by Allison Alter <http://mrsaltersreaderswriters.pbwiki.com/>

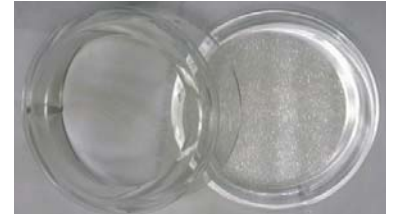
Science Wiki created by Allison Alter <http://mrsalter.pbwiki.com/>

## Your Samsung Doc Camera is a Microscope, Too!!!

With the help of a Light Box (that you can check out from Patti) and your zoom you can project microscopic images through your projector onto your classroom screen.



Place samples for life cycles (frog eggs, silk worms), senses (salt, cinnamon, etc) sand, soil..... anything you want to magnify, into the little clear plastic cylinder that is in your Samsung bag. If you can't find it, any clear container or dish will work.



Light Box



Put it on top of the light box and turn it on, adjust your lens and use your zoom to magnify and discover!

Magnified table salt

Magnified sand



## Take Charge of Your Technology!

Don't forget that you can enter your own workorders for technology fixes if you choose.

Go to [Eduphoria](#)> [Help Desk](#)> [Create a New Request](#)

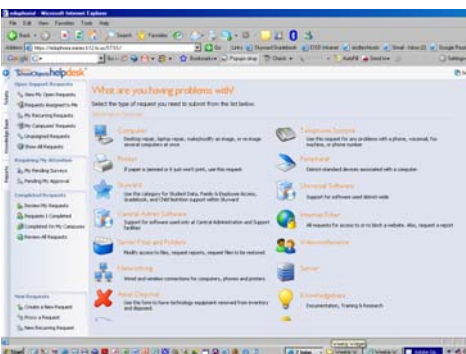
Choose the picture closest to the item you need help with.

Choose the second picture closest to the item you need help with.

Describe the problem in your own words.

If you don't know what goes in a box just put a dk (for don't know) or a ?

Click Submit, and your needs will be addressed within about 3 days.



Complete instructions are on [Teacher Shared](#)>[Technology-How-To](#)>[Workorders](#).