

Students as writers

Q. How do you know never to believe an echidna?

A. Because he's always ekiddin ya!



Olivia & Piper, Year 6

St. Andrew's Anglican College, Australia

WHO AM I?

I am a young citizen

With rights

Proud of myself

Proud of my heritage

Multilingual

Multicultural

I embrace diversity

Like our nation

I say unity in diversity.



Sindy, Grade 7,

Vulamazibuko Primary School, South Africa

My school rules are very cool,

We learn English too,

We talk about Vancouver, Dublin
and Sydney too.

We listen to dialogues
about new friends.

We love English teacher,
and her nice class too,
and now my thought
is in my mind
I say goodbye
because it's time.



ZM, Form 6,

Ukmerges Uzupio Secondary School, Lithuania

Introducing GIGGLEIT!

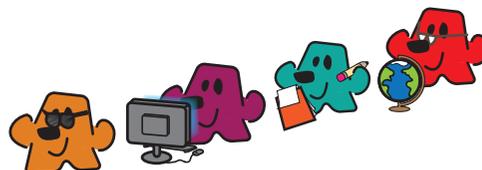
Students can be internationally published online authors through the free GigggleIT Project, sponsored by the International Association of School Librarianship.

Teacher-librarians register their classes at www.iasl-online.org/advocacy/gigggleit and the students decide which **Giggle Critters** to display on their class homepage.

Through **GigggleIT**, children share their personal knowledge and experiences through stories, poems, jokes and tall tales.

Because students will include words for things particular to their culture, the teacher-librarians and teachers need to help them identify these expressions and include a glossary, with their writing so that readers from other cultures can clearly understand their work.

Participants can then read what other students around the world have written, photographed, and drawn about their culture.



Students as readers

How to GIGGLEIT !

Specifically designed for students aged 10-14 years old, **GigggleIT** can also be adapted for use with gifted younger students, English as a Second Language learners of any age, and with older students who need extra support in mastering their reading and writing skills in English.

By reading others' poems, tales, and jokes on **GigggleIT**, students begin to see that the underlying stories are very familiar, with only the details and terms being different.

The **GigggleIT Project** can help increase global understanding and communication, one kid at a time.

The **GigggleIT** site includes downloadable lesson plans for English/Language Arts, Information Technology/Computer Skills, Geography, History, and Global Citizenship.

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The GigggleIT Project

Sharing knowledge and laughs with students around the globe

GiggleIT is:

FREE - including all resources, lesson plans, and webhosting of student works;

FUN - for students to read and see what others have created as they learn about how children live, play and learn in other countries;

CHALLENGING - for students as they work together and independently to write and create visual works that will showcase their knowledge, culture and humor to students in other lands;

SAFE - as adults handle all online communications, and students are only identified by their initials or first name;

BASED ON CURRICULUM - commonly taught to students ages 10-14;

ENRICHING - as students and teachers see their own culture in new ways as they communicate it to others; and

BUILDS GLOBAL CITIZENS - as students find common ground in the stories, jokes, and artwork of their peers from other countries.



Introducing the International Children's Digital Library

The GiggleIT Project is a partner with the International Children's Digital Library which hosts digital versions of beautiful children's books in many languages at

<http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>

Children, parents, and teachers may read over 4,600 FREE books online at ICDL, in 59 languages from Afrikaans to Yiddish.

Search for books by country, by category, by language, and more.

ICDL's book collection is great for students whose home language is not English, for students who are learning a foreign language, and for classes who want to explore the world through the stories that children their age enjoy in other countries.

Let's GiggleIT!

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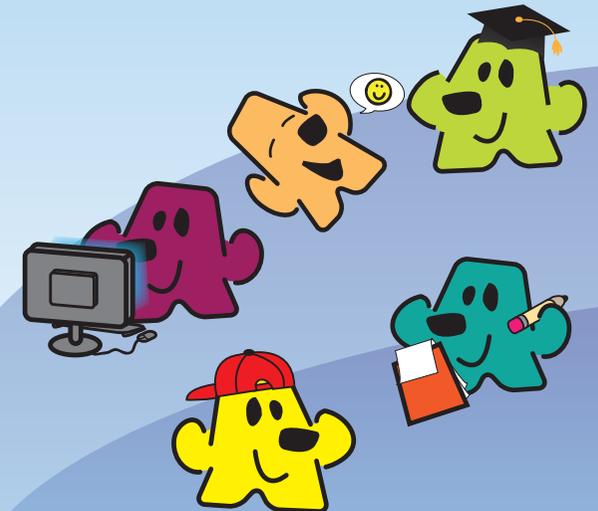
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