

Read Across Arizona

January - February, 2010

Take your students 'Across Arizona' to celebrate a love of reading!

Virtually travel across Arizona for the Read across Arizona ITv event. Use interactive television to connect your class with a class from a different school in Arizona, and read to each other.

Use Read Across Arizona to prepare your students for participation in TWICE's [Read Around the Planet](#). Read around the Planet occurs in March 2010 and connects classrooms to classrooms around the world.

How to Participate

This activity is open to all K-8 classrooms in schools that have access to IP based videoconferencing equipment. If you are unsure whether or not you have access to this type of equipment, check with your school's technology coordinator.

Your class will be matched with a class from a different school in Arizona and each class will exchange reading activities. Classroom to classroom connections will take place from Monday, January 18 through Friday, February 5, 2010. Each connection is scheduled for an hour; 15 minutes for testing connections and introductions, 30 minutes for the reading activity (15 minutes per class), and 15 minutes for exchanging information about respective schools and communities.

Activities can range from reading a favorite book passage, to a "Battle of the books" format - see the box for other ideas.

Read Across Arizona Activity Ideas

- Skits
- Plays
- Raps
- Songs
- Readers Theatre
- Student Created Books
- Game Shows
- Book Talks

Schedule:

- Registration: November 10 – 30, 2009
- Partner Pairing and Partner Notification: December 1 – 12, 2009
- Connectivity Testing and Partner Collaboration: December 12, 2009 – January 16, 2010
- Videoconference Exchanges: January 18 – February 5, 2010

How to Register

Register online at <http://raazwinter10.wikispaces.com> or <http://www.pinalitv.org> (alternative registration site).

More Information: <http://raazwinter10.wikispaces.com> or <http://www.pinalitv.org> (Register and download flyer, teacher and coordinator packets)

Email: readaz2010@gmail.com



This activity is modeled after TWICE's Read Around the Planet videoconferencing event. Visit the Read Around the Planet website at www.twice.cc/read. Sponsored by Pinal County ITv Consortium and Enhancing Education Through Technology, the Pinal County ITv Partnership.