

## Bing in the Classroom

Bing is Microsoft's search engine and a few years ago now they released "Bing in the Classroom" which includes a variety of items that are beneficial to the teaching and learning process. Read on to learn how Bing in the Classroom can benefit you and your students!

### Ad-free, private and safe search

When anyone goes to <http://www.bing.com> on the WSD network, they are automatically using the "Bing in the Classroom" Bing search engine. What this means for you and your students is an advertisement-free, private experience with sites that are safe for students.

- ! Please encourage students to use Bing for their web searches, and start using it yourself if you don't already! Read down below for perks you can get for just using Bing!

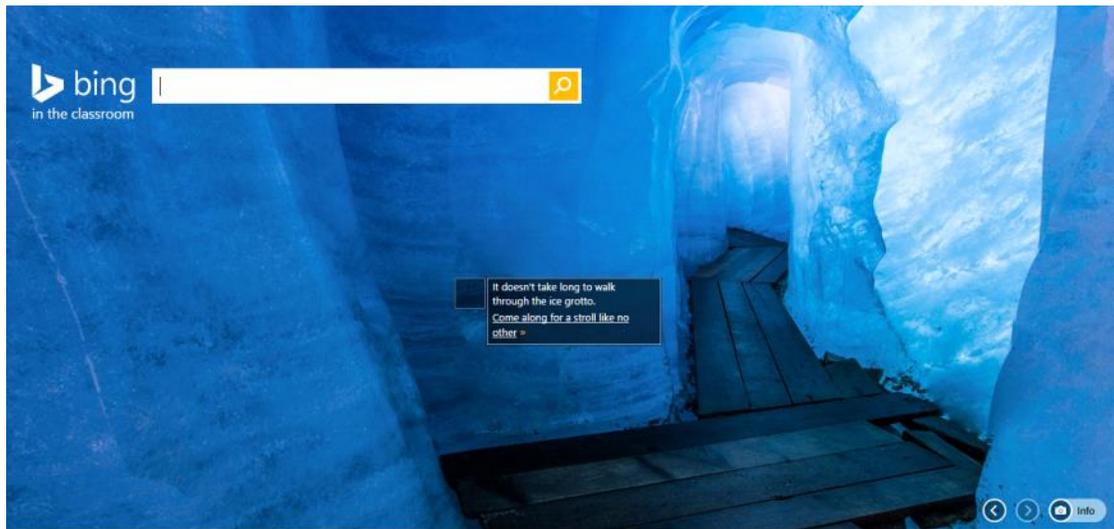


(This is what you see when you go to Bing on our WSD network. You will not see the "in the classroom" when you search from home or another network.)

### Bing in the Classroom Lesson Plans

If you don't use Bing regularly, you may not know that there is a different "image of the day" each day on Bing's home page with squares you can click to learn more information about the image, which is cool enough...





But, there is more! Not only can students learn from the Bing homepage, but there are also daily lesson plans to go along with each image that can be used to promote digital literacy and critical thinking in fun, short activities that align with the common core and are written by expert teachers.

The Bing in the Classroom lessons are differentiated into 3 grade-level groups: K-4, 5-8, and 9-12, with a **PowerPoint presentation**, complete with driving questions and guiding notes. Not only that, but starting a few weeks ago, there are now **interactive OneNote activity pages** built to go along with the PowerPoint lesson plans to guide the students through the activities in the lesson.

You can access each day's lesson by clicking "Info" from the bottom-right of each Bing homepage, or you can access ALL the Bing lesson plans from June 2013 to the present (and future) by visiting - <http://www.educatornetwork.com/search/bing>

Once there, you can search by subject, grade level, etc. and possibly find a Bing image that fits your curriculum. Otherwise, you could work these into your lessons for substitute plans or even snow day work! :)

### **What else?**

Bing in the Classroom also offers "perks" to those outside of education or for you at home. Just by creating an account and making sure you are logged in, you can accumulate Bing Reward points by using Bing as your search engine. These points can be used towards many things, but one of them is to purchase Surfaces for a school of your choice! Could be a WSD school, sure, but could also be a school near and dear to your family. Check out more information about this aspect of Bing in the Classroom [here](#).