

Read Around the Planet

TWICE Video Conference Event

English & World Languages: February 23 - March 11, 2011



Celebrate Read Around the Planet!

Read Around the Planet is a celebration of NEA's Read Across America. Classrooms use interactive video to connect with other classrooms and celebrate reading. The activity is sponsored by [TWICE](#) and Polycom.

TWICE provides the **registration tool**, **matches classrooms** with partners, and provides **support documents**. Participating classrooms are responsible for their video connection and developing their own reading activities.

****Disclaimer. While we are using this name to be inclusive to our international friends, this name does NOT guarantee U.S. schools an international connection.***



Participate in English or World Languages

This activity is open to all K-12 students (ages 6-18) in public and private schools who have access to two-way interactive video equipment (IP H.323 or ISDN H.320).

Your class will be matched with a class from a different location and each class will exchange reading activities. World language classes will receive a match with the same language, but may not be the same grade level.

Classroom to classroom connections will take place **February 23 - March 11, 2011**. Time choices are on every half hour between 7 am and 7 pm your time.

Each connection is scheduled for an hour:

- 10 min. Introductions & sharing maps
- 15 min. The first class leads the interaction
- 15 min. The second class leads the interaction

- 10 min. Q&A exchange info about schools & communities
- 10 min. Extra time in case of connection troubles



Project Timeline

January 7, 2011:	Equipment Verification Deadline
Dec. 1 - Jan. 13, 2011:	Teacher Registration
January 14-21, 2011:	Leftover Registration & Matching Classes
By Jan. 28, 2011:	Partner Class Details Emailed and Online
Feb 23-Mar 11, 2011:	Connections Occur



Registration and More Information

Register online at <http://projects.twice.cc>
Instructions for registration at <http://www.twice.cc/read/>
Questions? Email sue@twice.cc

Read Around the Planet Activity Ideas

- Skits - Plays
 - Raps - Songs
 - Illustrations (check the format of your document camera first!)
 - Dramatizations
 - Student-created books
 - "Battle of the Books"
- and more ideas:
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Languages

English
English as a Second Language
French
Spanish
Special Education

