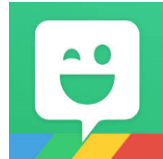# Creating a Bitmoji Virtual Classroom in ActivInspire

A Bitmoji Virtual Classroom in ActivInspire is simply a collection of resources (images/objects) and links to websites and files.
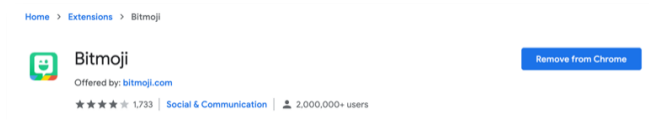
Introduction to Bitmojis

A Bitmoji classroom is simply a virtual classroom built in the platform of your choice. You may create your own Bitmoji and add to your virtual classroom. Begin by installing the Bitmoji app from the App Store or Google Play to your phone or tablet.
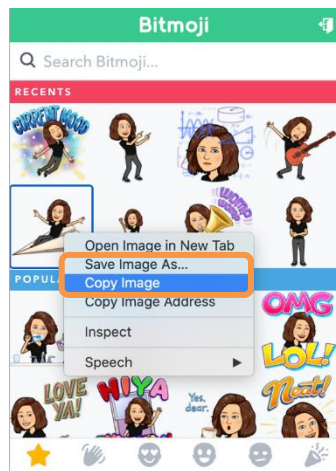

Once the Bitmoji app is downloaded, create an account and create your personalized Bitmoji.

Once you have created an account and a Bitmoji in the Bitmoji app, use the Bitmoji Chrome Extension to add to your virtual classroom. Open your Chrome web browser. Search for **Bitmoji Chrome Extension**. Tap **Add to Chrome**.
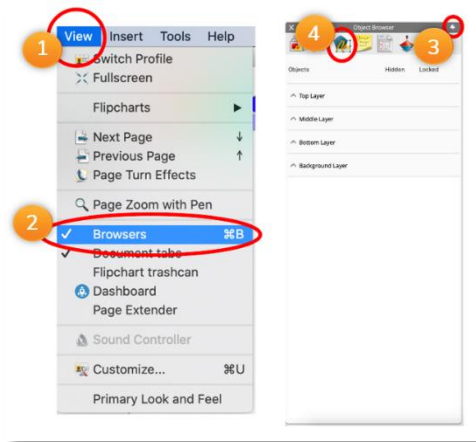

The Bitmoji extension will appear in the top right corner of your Chrome browser. Select the **Bitmoji extension** and log in to your account. Different Bitmojis will appear. Search for keywords to see popular Bitmojis. Enter pose in the keyword search to display your Bitmoji standing, sitting, etc. Right-click on a Bitmoji to **Copy** or **Save Image As... to save** the Bitmoji. **Paste** the Bitmoji in your virtual classroom.
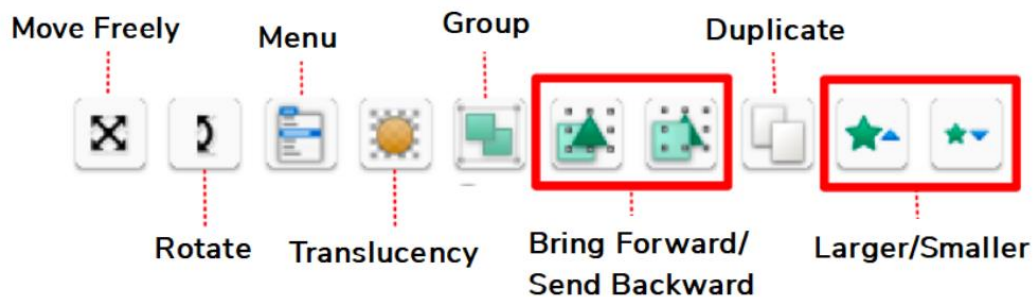
Getting Started

To make the creation process easier, you will need to open and pin your Browser Window by selecting **View** from the file menu at the top left of the screen. Next, select **Browsers**. Once the Browser Window is open, select the **pin** at the top right of the Browser Window to pin it in place. Select the **Object Browser**.
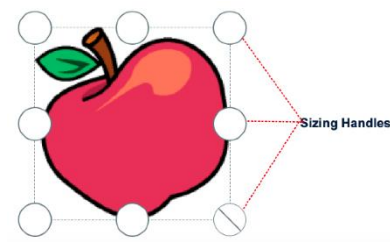
By having the Object Browser open, you will be able to manage and order the resources that you add to your flipchart page.

To edit resources that you place on the flipchart page, you will frequently use the Marquee Handle Toolbar. This toolbar appears when you left-click an image with your mouse.

When you select an object with the Select Tool, sizing handles will appear around the edges of the object. Hold down your left mouse button on one of the sizing handles and drag the mouse to resize the object.
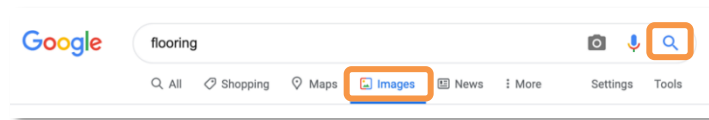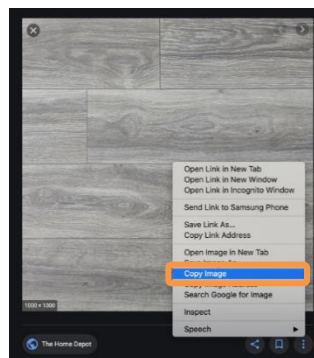
Building a Virtual Classroom

Resources can be added to the page using resources found on the internet, saved to your computer, or from the ActivInspire Resource Browser.

Let's begin our virtual classroom by adding flooring to our classroom. Open a new web browser tab and type **flooring** in the search bar. In order to stay compliant with copyright concerns, Google Image searches provide a Labeled for Reuse option. You may also choose to stick with images from online catalogs. You may also choose to contact the owner of an image for permission for use.
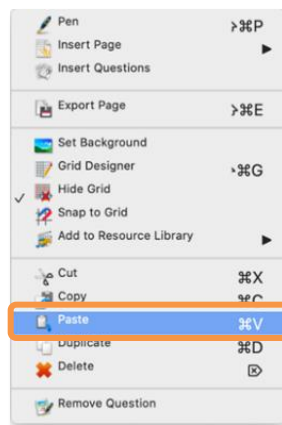
 If using Google to search for resources, select **Images** to preview only image results. Select the **magnifying glass** to search for flooring images. You may also search for images in Google Slides by selecting **Explore**.

Scroll through the images until you find flooring that you like. Select the image. In the image preview pane, right-click on the image and select **Copy Image**.
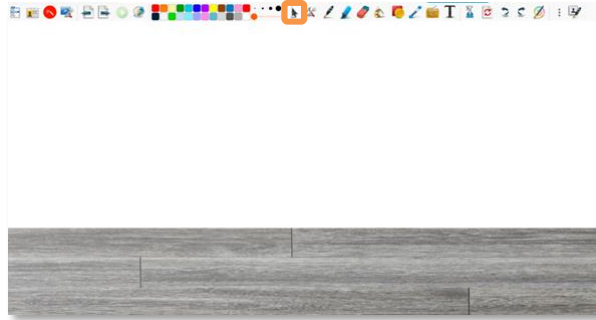

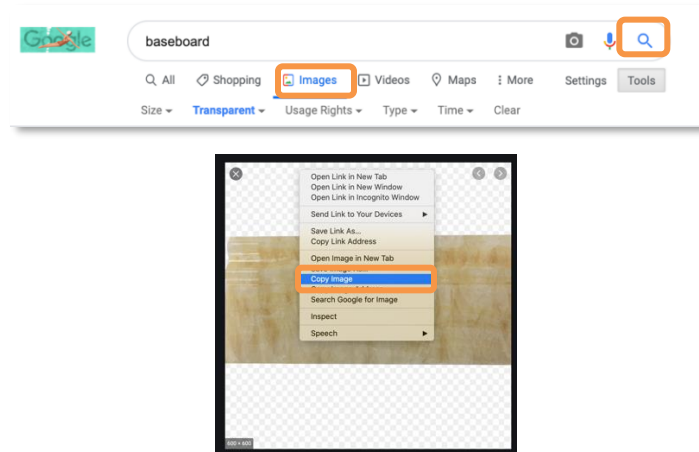Return to ActivInspire. Right-click on the slide and select **Paste**.

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Use the Select Tool arrow to select the image of the flooring. Using the sizing handles, resize the flooring image to fit horizontally across the bottom of the flipchart page.
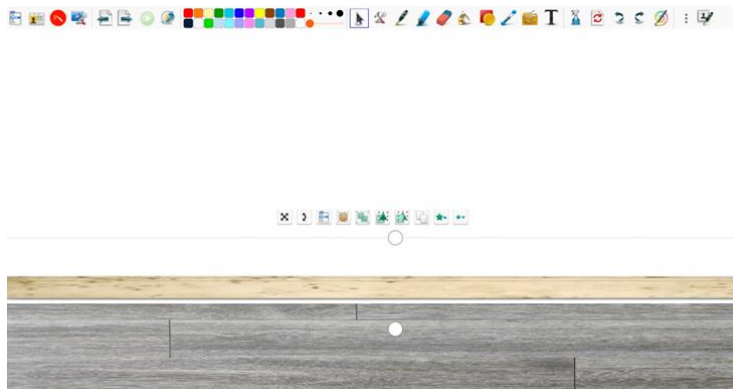
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If you would like a finished appearance for your virtual classroom, add a baseboard between the wall and the floor.

Search for a baseboard in Google search by following the same process as noted above. To ensure the image has a transparent background, select **Tools**, then **Color**. Select **Transparent**. Right-click on the image and select **Copy Image**.
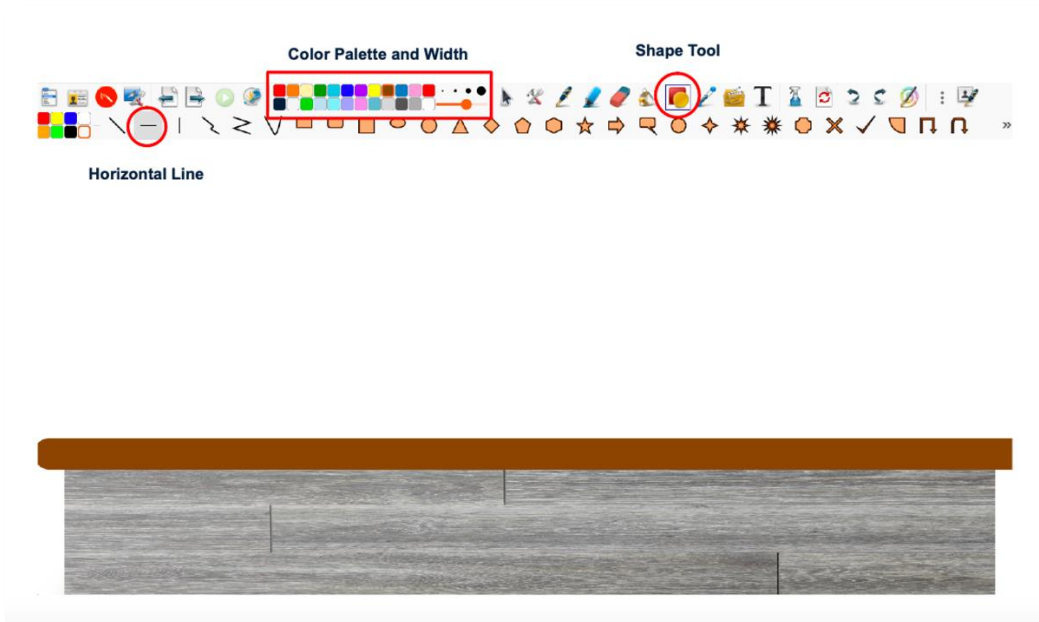

Right-click on your flipchart and select **Paste**. Use the sizing handles around the image to set the appropriate size on the flipchart.
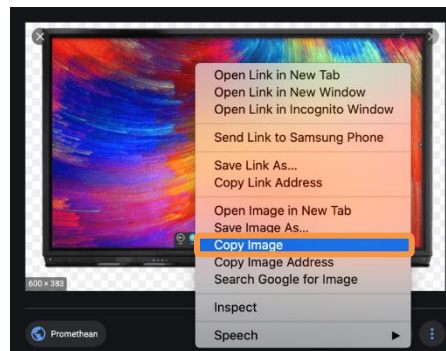
You may also choose to use the Shape Tool on the Main Toolbox of ActivInspire to create a dividing line. Select the **Shape Tool** on the Main Toolbox Select a **horizontal line** from the Shape options. Select a **color** on the color palette of the Main Toolbox to create a colored line. Use the width scroll bar to adjust the width. Move your cursor to the flipchart page, hold down the left mouse button, and drag across the page to create a line. If you need to move or resize the line, tap the **Select Tool**, select the **line** and resize and/or move.
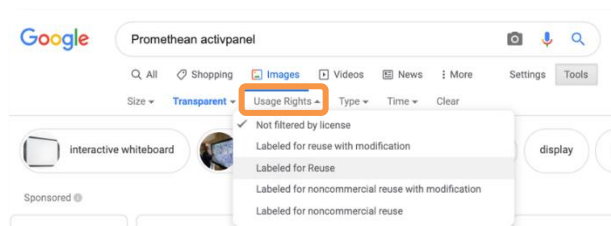
Adding Resources to a Virtual Classroom

Resources may be added to the page using resources found on the internet or resources saved to your computer or cloud storage.

Search for Promethean ActivPanel. Select **Images**. Select **Tools**, then tap **Color**, and select **Transparent**. Right-click on the image and select **Copy Image**.
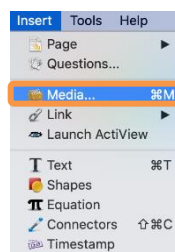

Return to ActivInspire, right-click, and select **Paste**. Use the sizing handles to resize the image and place the image in the desired location.

Continue searching for resources, such as a bird cage for the class pet, a calendar for the month, a daily schedule icon, a poster for class rules, bookshelves for the class library, etc. Paste the resources on to the slide. In order to stay compliant with copyright concerns, Google Image searches provide a Labeled for Reuse option. You may also choose to stick with images from online catalogs. You may also choose to contact the owner of an image for permission for use.
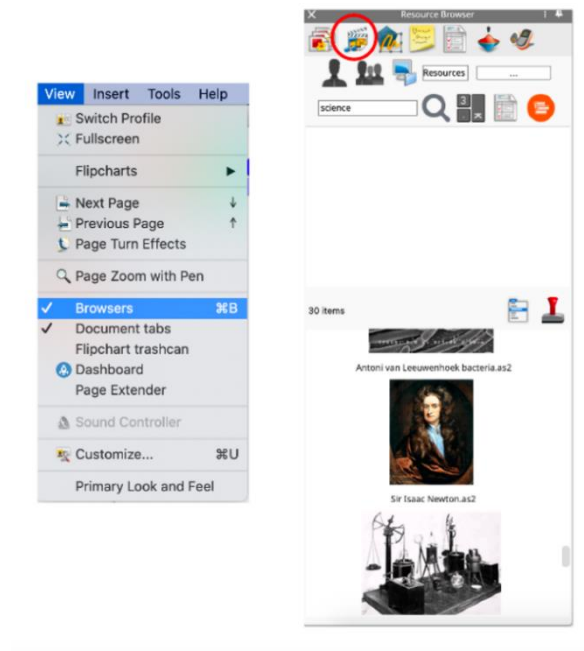

Resources that are saved to your computer can also be added to your virtual classroom. In ActivInspire, select **Insert**, then **Media**. Navigate on your computer to the location of the saved file. Select the **file**. Once the resource is added to the flipchart page, use the Select Tool to resize and move the resource to the desired location.
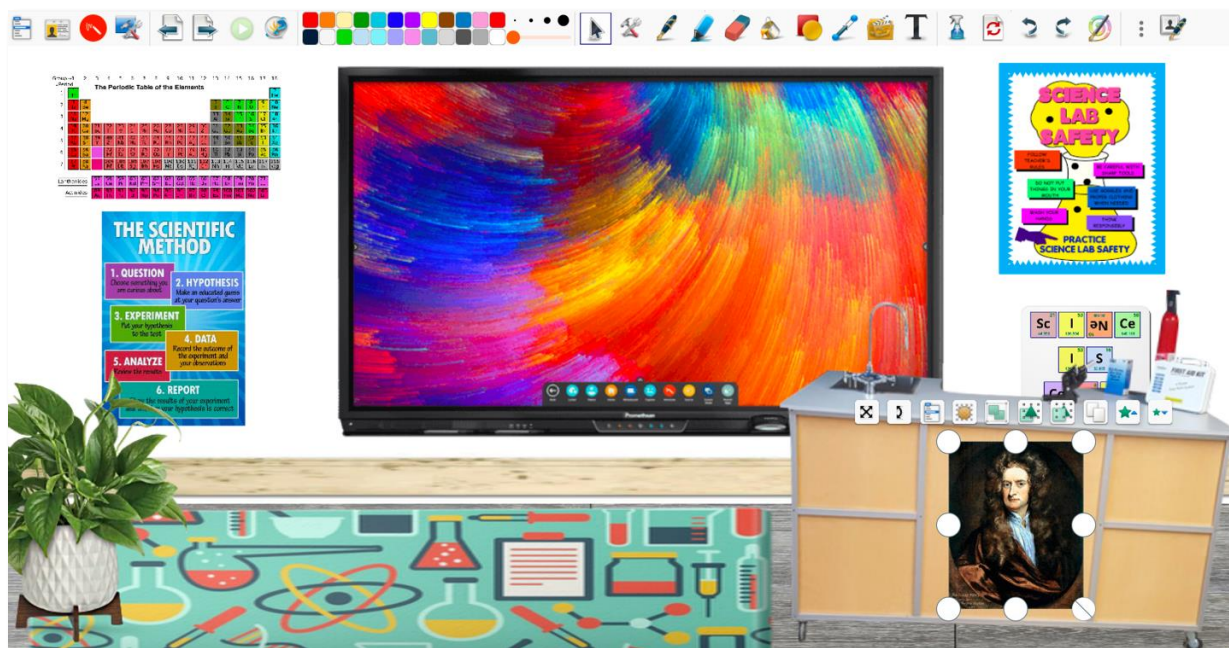
ActivInspire also contains resources within the Resource Browser. To access these resources, open the Browser Window on the left side of the screen. If the Browser Window has been closed, select **View**, then **Browsers**. The Resource Browser is the second button from the left in the Browser Window.

Drag an image from the Resource Browser on to the flipchart page. Use the Select Tool to edit and/or move the image.
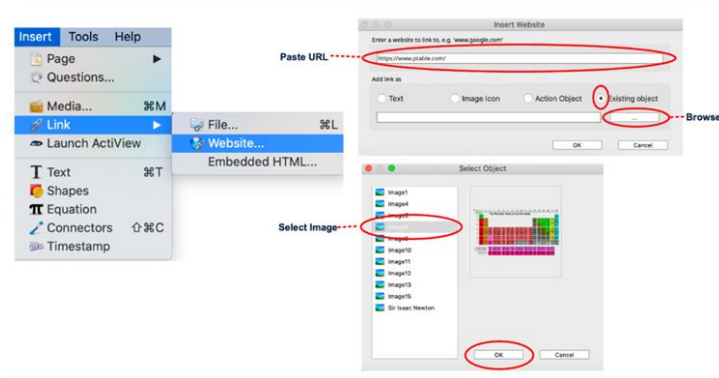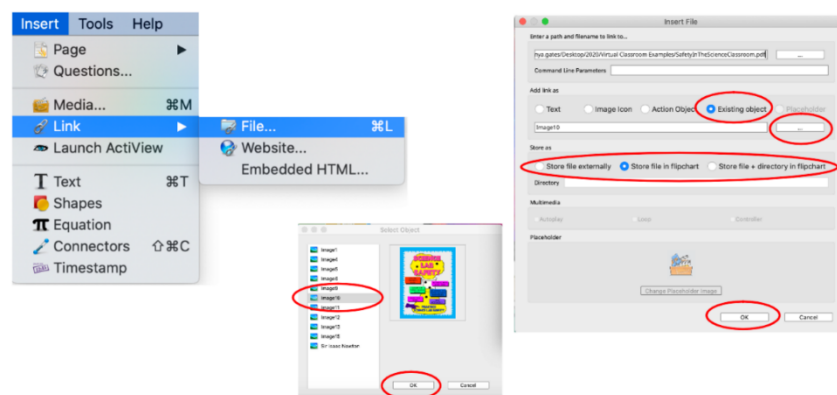
Make Your Virtual Classroom Interactive

Now that you have the basics of your virtual classroom set, let's begin adding interactive links. Creating interactive links enables students to access and extend their learning regardless of whether they are in class or learning remotely.

 Each of the images on a slide can be linked to websites, files, etc.

Find the desired website you wish to use, right-click on the URL of the website and select **Copy**. From the ActivInspire Menu, select **Insert**, scroll to **Link**, and select **Website**. Paste the URL, ensure **Existing object** is selected, and select the **three dots** to Browse. Select the **image** you wish to attach a website to and select **OK**.
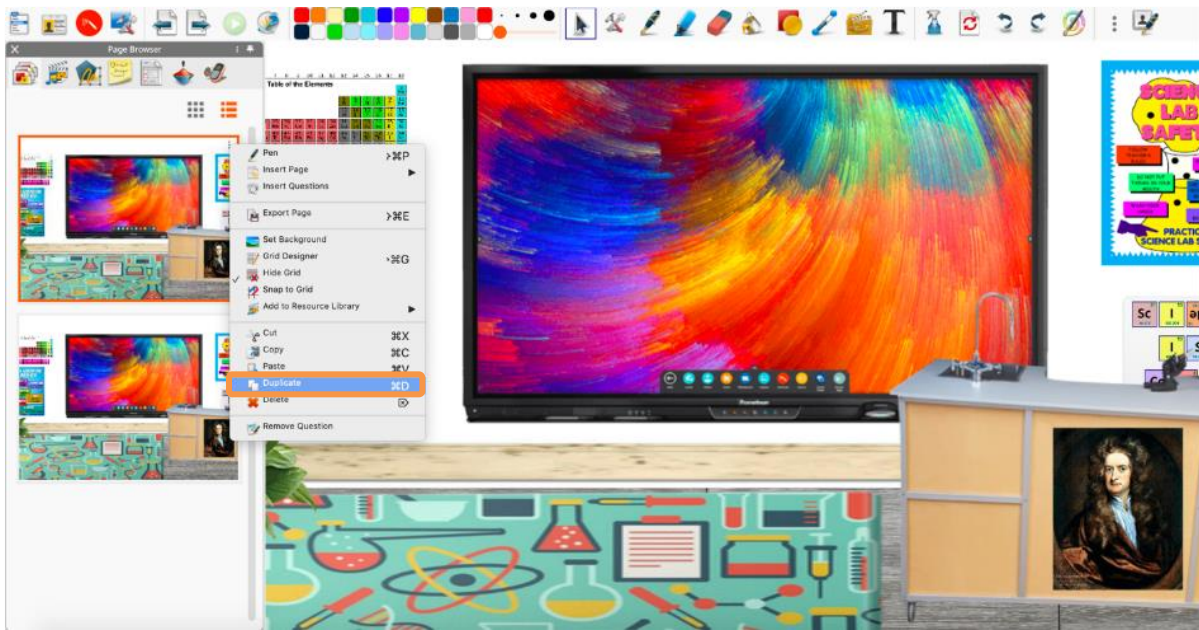

To add a link to a file that is saved to your computer, select **Insert**, hover over **Link**, and select **File**. Navigate to the file location on your computer and select the **file**. Once you have selected the file, choose **Existing Object** from the dialog box that appears. Select the **browse (...)** button to browse through all of the objects on the page. Choose the **object you wish to link the file to** and select **OK**. Select either **Store File Externally**, **Store File in Flipchart**, or **Store File in Both**. If you wish to share this flipchart with colleagues or students, choose **Store File in Flipchart** so that the file is saved within the flipchart.
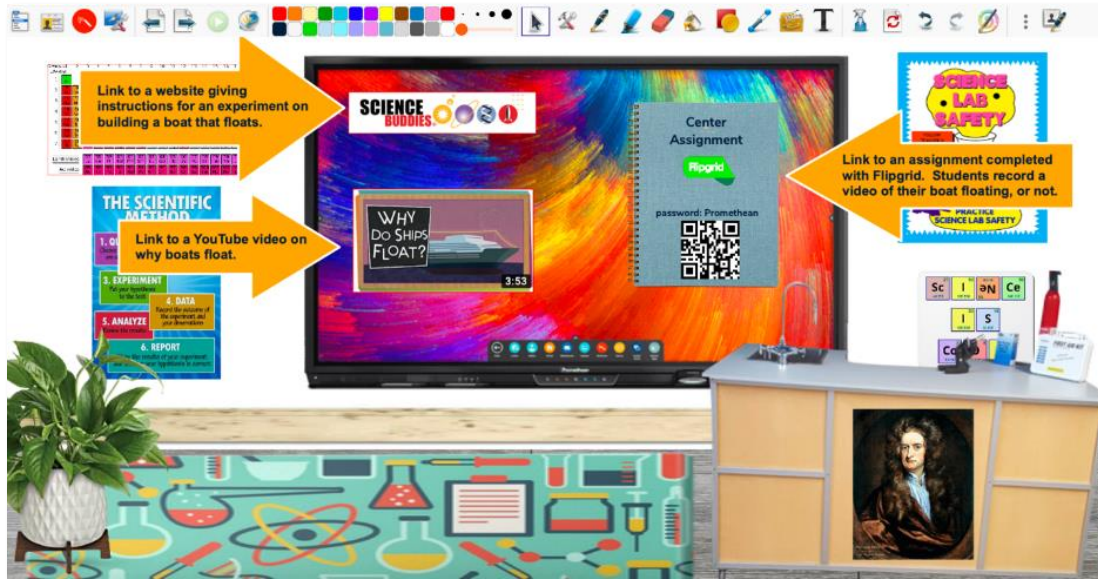
Making Copies of Your Virtual Classroom

Before you start adding specific lesson content to your virtual classroom, you may wish to use the original to create additional virtual classrooms. Open the Browser Window on the left side of the screen. If you have closed the Browser Window, select **View**, then **Browsers**. The Page Browser is the first browser button located in the Browser Window. Select the **thumbnail image of your virtual classroom**. Select the **three vertical dots** to the right of the thumbnail image and select **Duplicate.** You may now utilize this copy of your virtual classroom in other lessons.
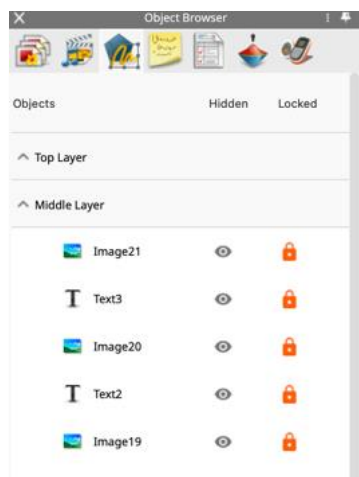
Example of a Lesson Using Your Virtual Classroom

Add specific lesson content by using links to websites and files. These lessons can be presented by the teacher, used as learning centers, or shared with students to complete on their own.

Before you release your virtual classroom to your students, lock down all of the content so that students are not able to freely move objects on the page. Open the Browser Window on the left side of the screen. Tap the **Object Browser**, which is the third button from the left in the Browser Window. Select the **Locked tab** to lock all of the items on the page.

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