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# Making Connections: Paper Chain Activity



How do we make connections using digital tools? This activity will foster students' awareness of our larger global connection by helping them think about the many ways we use technology to make discoveries and communicate and collaborate with others.

## Materials:

- Paper chain template on next page
- Scissors
- Glue, glue stick, tape, or stapler



## Instructions:

1. Print out several copies of one of our templates (8.5" x 11"). Note there is a color option as well as a black-and-white one for students to color in themselves.
2. Have students carefully cut out the paper chain into strips.
3. Ask them to fill in the blanks to the questions, adding their own ideas on how digital tools help them make connections. Ask students to discuss what they wrote with the class.
4. Have students take one of the strips and add glue to one end and fold it around to form a circle.
5. Have them take another strip and loop into the circle, adding glue to one end and folding it around to form another circle.
6. Continue linking the loops until you have one long chain!
7. Students can decorate their desk or classroom with their paper chains. You can also use more strips to connect each student's paper chain together and form one gigantic paper chain!



Activity inspired by *Sonia's Digital World*  
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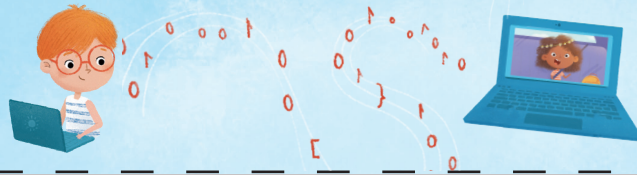
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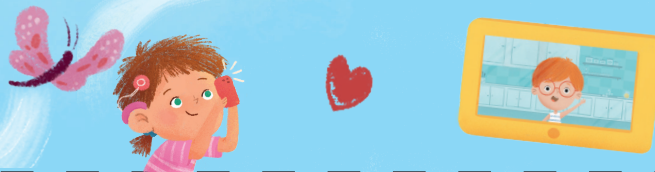
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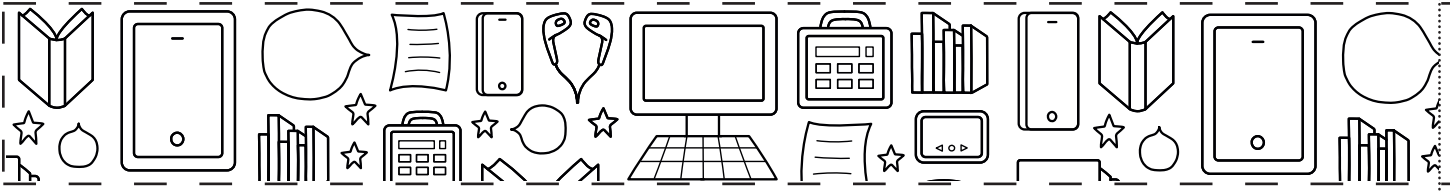
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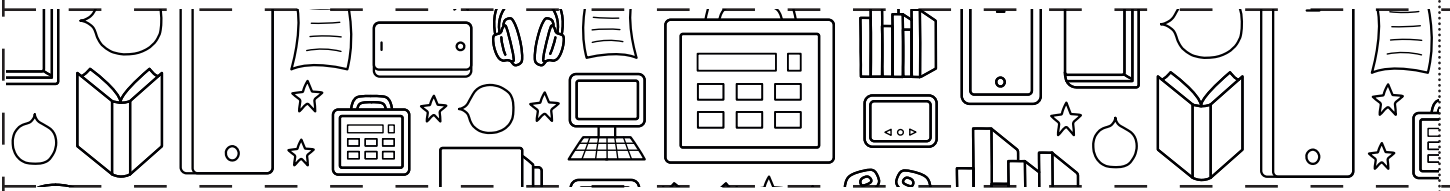
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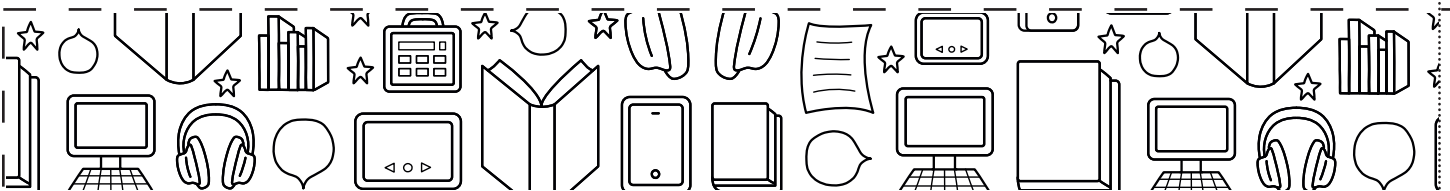
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