



## ExploreLearning Ontario

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### Gizmos Are Great For Review; Give Them To Your Students!

The end of the term is here and I wanted to remind you that **Gizmos are great things to recommend to students for review.** Haven't given your students Gizmo access yet? It's easy! [Link here for a 3 min video](#) showing you how.

*Fun Fact: There are now over 200000 Ontario students using Gizmos!*

### Fun Lesson Ideas with the Fido's Garden Gizmo!

Looking for a fun "minds-on" activity to review and reinforce thinking skills? Try out a challenge with your students using the [Fido's Garden Gizmo](#):

- Challenge:** Create your school logo using sod and fence pieces.  
**Discuss:** Determine the surface area. Determine the perimeter.  
**Hint:** Answers will vary here...
- Challenge:** Who's garden is the cheapest? (if sod costs \$1.50 and fence \$4.25 each)  
**Discuss:** Is the cheapest one also the most attractive? Why or why not?

### 90 Days Left In Your Subscription!

I have been getting lots of questions from teachers **wondering what happens to their ExploreLearning account next year.** The [Ministry of Education \(OSAPAC\)](#) bought province-wide license for most Ontario Math and Science teachers and that agreement is up for renewal this summer. Thanks to everyone who sent in their feedback about Gizmos thru the [OSAPAC survey](#). Discussions are going well and I fully expect Gizmos will still be available to you in September, but no firm decisions have been made.

### Attention Coordinators, Coaches, and Department Leaders

In 2009/2010, I conducted 107 workshops in 36 different school boards on how Gizmos can effectively **differentiate instruction.** With your support, I have been able to reach over 2000 teachers. **I am now booking training dates for the 2010/2011 school year.** If you are planning PD for the summer/fall and feel a Gizmo workshop would fit, please [contact me](#) to set up dates or to [learn more](#).

**Transitioning out of your coordinator position?** Please let me know who your replacement will be. This ensures that I can continue to effectively support the teachers in your school board.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with questions. I am here to help.

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