

# Websites for Teachers and Parents of Kindergarten Children



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## 1 - Starfall

**PA Standard(s): 1.1**

**Topics: Literacy, Phonemic Awareness**

<http://www.starfall.com>

A FUN and interactive literacy website with lots of online activities, books, and printable materials. Children can listen to interactive stories and play games to teach them beginning and ending sounds, as well as rhyming, word families, and sight words. This website can also be used in classrooms for whole group SMARTboard activities. Starfall is also a valuable website for parents who want to work on literacy skills with their children at home.

## 2 - PBS Kids

**PA Standard(s): 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2**

**Topics: Literacy, Math**

<http://pbskids.org/>

Children can interact with their favorite PBS characters (Clifford, Arthur, Sesame Street, etc). by playing interactive learning games. The games range in topics from math to literacy and there is a HUGE amount of activities on this site. There is also information for parents about helping children learn at home, as well as transition to school. PBS Kids is a great website for both parents and teachers.

## 3 - Discovery Kids

**PA Standard(s): 3.2a, 3.2b**

**Topics: Science**

<http://kids.discovery.com/>

Get excited about science with Discovery Kids! Children can play science-themed games, as well as find answers to some of their most puzzling science questions, such as "Are bats really blind?" or "Why do we need trees?" Discovery Kids is easy to navigate and both parents and children can use it as a resource for learning more about science. The site is organized into games, puzzles, and a science question/answer page. This site is very interactive and appropriate for young children.

#### **4 - Sesame Street**

**PA Standard(s):** 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2

**Topics:** Math and Literacy

<http://www.sesamestreet.org/>

This is the official Sesame Street website with lots of fun learning games and activities for young children. Activities feature children's favorite Sesame Street characters and there are even Sesame Street pod casts! The site is organized into games, videos, playlists, and more. Teachers can use this site to find video clips related to classroom topics and there are links for parents that provide a wealth of information.

#### **5 - Jan Brett's Page**

**PA Standard(s):** 1.1, 1.2

**Topics:** Literacy

<http://www.janbrett.com/>

Learn about children's author and illustrator, Jan Brett. This site features a huge variety of printable activities, featuring Jan Brett's loveable storybook characters. There are resources for teachers to print that accompany the books, as well as alphabet cards with Jan Brett's artwork. Parents, teachers, and children can explore all of Jan Brett's beautifully illustrated picture books and find activities to do with the stories. This site is awesome!

#### **6 - Scholastic**

**PA Standard(s):** 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 15.1, 15.2, 20.1, 20.2, 20.3

**Topics:** Math, Literacy, Family Connections

<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/index.jsp>

Scholastic's website has an incredible amount of information and activities for parents, children, and teachers. Lesson plans are available for teachers to preview and download that cover a huge amount topics. There are also downloadable newsletters and resources for teachers to send home to parents and families. There are resources for parents that provide suggestions for working with children on literacy activities. Children can also listen to interactive storybooks with Clifford the Big Red Dog and play interactive games. This site is perfect for children of all age levels and abilities!

#### **7 - National Geographic for Kids**

**PA Standard(s):** 3.1a, 7.2

**Topics:** Animals, Science, Social Studies, World Countries

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/>

This is a site for young children that is organized by games, stories, videos, and activities about animals and countries around the world. The photos are consistent with the quality of photos in the National Geographic magazine for adults, as well as the video clips. Parents and teachers can use the video clips to take their children on a journey to other parts of the world. This site is a great technology tie-in for science and social studies lessons.

## **8 - Seussville**

**PA Standard(s): 1.1, 1.2, 1.3**

**Topics: Literacy, Comprehension, Reading Aloud**

<http://www.seussville.com/>

Have fun with Dr. Seuss and all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters! Students can learn about Dr. Seuss on his biography page, as well as visit his famous characters. There are games galore and activities for teachers and families to print. There is a section of resources for parents, as well as a section of resources for educators. Children can also watch video clips featuring favorite colorful characters from Dr. Seuss stories.

## **9 - Little Giraffes**

<http://www.littlegiraffes.com/>

**PA Standard(s): 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1a, 4.3**

**Topics: Math, Literacy, Language Arts, Social Studies, Science**

A very well-organized website made by a kindergarten teacher that provides a TON of monthly ideas for teaching kindergarten. The site is organized into the following sections: monthly themes, ABC activities, story props, handprint calendar, math, book ideas, literacy, centers, word families, igloo, and sentence practice. Within each section are an overwhelming number of ideas (including photographs) for kindergarten teachers. This site is a must for early childhood educators!

## **10 - Kids Count 1234**

**PA Standard(s): 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2**

**Topics: Language Arts, Literacy, Math**

<http://kidscount1234.com/>

Kindergarten teacher and songwriter, Shari Sloane, made this great website with downloadable activities for teaching kindergarten. She shares activities that she has designed for classroom work stations and provides teachers with printable materials that can be used immediately in their classrooms. The site focuses mostly on math and language arts activities. Shari Sloane's site is very easy to navigate and her ideas are incredible. This site is a must for early childhood educators.

## **11 - Dr. Jean**

**PA Standard(s): 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1a, 4.3**

**Topics: Math, Literacy, Storytelling, Art, Language Arts, Social Studies**

<http://drjean.org/>

Educator, presenter, and songwriter, Dr. Jean, posts some of her most creative ideas for teaching young children. Dr. Jean's site is updated on a monthly basis and fresh ideas are posted each month. However, her previous postings can be viewed in the site's archives. Teachers of young children are familiar with Dr. Jean's songs and CD's, but this site also provides activities to accompany the songs, as well as lyrics. Dr. Jean provides a link to her conference schedule and where she will be appearing, as well as an online store to purchase her many published resources.

## **12 - Dance Mat Typing**

**PA Standard(s): 15.4, 3.4a**

**Topics: Technology, Learning to Type**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/>

This is a really fun and interactive site that teaches children how to type! Children can play typing games as they work their way from skill level 1 to level 4. The typing games are set to music and are appropriate for children of all ages. Learning to type has never been so much fun!

## **13 - ZOOM! Science for Kids**

**PA Standard(s): 3.2a, 3.2b, 15.4**

**Topics: General Science, Chemistry, Physics**

<http://pbskids.org/zoom/activities/sci/>

This website is from PBS Kids and it features lots of simple, interactive science experiments specifically designed for young children. Children, parents, and teachers can search the archives of experiments by doing a keyword search to find an experiment. Directions for completing the experiments are simple and easy to understand. Materials needed are usually common household items and do not require much preparation. This site is perfect for young children and early childhood educators.

## **14 - Fun Brain**

**PA Standard(s): 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 20.2, 20.3**

**Topics: Math, Language Arts/Reading**

<http://www.funbrain.com/>

This site is full of lots of fun and interactive games in all subject areas for children under 6. There are links for math and reading. Children can even complete Mad Libs in the reading section! There are also activities designed for parents and children to complete together in the "playground" link. This site is colorful and easy to navigate! Teachers may enjoy the literature activities with tie-ins to quality storybooks for young children.

## **15 - National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)**

**PA Standard(s): 15.4, 20.2, 20.3, 20.4**

**Topics: Early Childhood Education and Development**

<http://www.naeyc.org/>

The NAEYC is a professional organization which promotes excellence in early childhood education. The site features a wealth of information for both educators and parents. There are excellent articles about child development, school transitions, and checklists for both parents and teachers. The articles can be saved as .pdf files and shared with parents via a classroom website. There are also resources that can be printed and sent home with students for parents to read, such as newsletters. This site is a valuable resource for early childhood educators.

## **16 - Crayola**

**PA Standard(s): 9.1c, 9.4**

**Topics: Art and Creative Expression**

<http://www.crayola.com/>

This is a fun site with creative art activities for kids and great resources for parents. Crayola.com also provides wonderful project ideas and printable materials for teachers. Featured on the site are coloring pages, craft ideas, games & fun, products and resources for parents and teachers. This site is perfect for parents and teachers of young children.

## **17 - Zero to Three**

**PA Standard(s): 15.4, 20.1, 20.2, 20.3, 20.4, 25.3, 25.4**

**Topics: Development, Early Childhood, Family Involvement**

<http://www.zerotothree.org/>

This is an informative site for parents and teachers of very young children. ZERO TO THREE is a national, nonprofit organization that informs, trains, and supports professionals, policymakers, and parents in their efforts to improve the lives of infants and toddlers. There are a wealth of resources about behavior & development, maltreatment, care & education, and public policy.

## **18 - ABC Activities**

**PA Standard(s): 1.1**

**Topics: Literacy, Alphabet Recognition**

[http://www.littlegiraffes.com/abc\\_homepractice.html](http://www.littlegiraffes.com/abc_homepractice.html)

This site is an extension of Little Giraffes and focuses on alphabet recognition activities. This site is an especially valuable resource for early childhood educators to share with parents whose children could benefit from additional alphabet practice at home. The activities on this site are simple and easy to do. There are plenty of activities to choose from and they are FREE!

## **19 - Kindergarten and Preschool Games by Sheppard's Software**

**PA Standard(s): 1.1, 2.1, 2.9**

**Topics: Alphabet, Shapes, Colors, Numbers**

<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/preschool/preschool.htm>

This site features fun and interactive games from Sheppard Software. These educational games are specifically designed with preschool and kindergarten children in mind. The games range in topic from colors, shapes, numbers, and alphabet recognition. The site is easy to navigate and is appropriate for young children.

## **20 - KinderWeb Educational Games**

**PA Standard(s):** 1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.9

**Topics:** Alphabet, Shapes, Colors, Numbers, Coins

<http://kinderwebgames.com/index.html>

This is a simple, but valuable site which features a variety of interactive games for young children, teaching money, colors, shapes, and more! Many of the basic school readiness skills that children should be exposed to prior to coming to kindergarten are covered in these games. There are many games to choose from and the activities are appropriate for young children.

## **21 - Kaboose**

**PA Standard(s):** 9.1c, 9.4, 20.2, 20.4, 25.3

**Topics:** Cooking, Crafts, Parent Involvement

<http://www.kaboose.com/>

This is a wonderful site that features many activities for children, including crafts, printable pages, and simple recipes. This site doubles as a valuable resource for parents and has special parent sections, including Parenting, Food, Crafts, and Just for Mom. The site has a professional appearance and is very easy to navigate. This is a great site for teachers to share with parents of young children.

## **22 - Carl's Corner**

**PA Standard(s):** 1.1, 1.2

**Topics:** Language Arts, Literacy

<http://www.carlscorner.us.com/>

This site is designed by Cherry Carl, a former reading and language arts specialist who retired after 35 years of teaching. She shares thousands of printable ideas including word work, contractions, word families, alphabet, and blends. This website provides resources and materials for classroom teachers, reading and resource specialists, speech therapists, parents and students in the area of language arts.

## **23 - Kelly's Kindergarten**

**PA Standard(s):** 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2

**Topics:** Reading, Math

<http://www.kellyskindergarten.com/>

This website was designed and created by a devoted kindergarten teacher who shares lots of great classroom ideas. Her site provides links that help to organize the content, which is quite overwhelming. There are many suggestions for simple games that teachers can make to enhance lessons and classroom lessons. She also provides activities to help children with phonemic awareness skills, which can be printed and shared with parents, too. There are photos to accompany the activities so that teachers can visualize the activities in action. This site is a valuable resource for kindergarten teachers!

#### **24 - KinderTeacher**

**PA Standard(s):** 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 20.2, 20.3

**Topics:** Math, Literacy, Parent Involvement

<http://www.kinderteacher.com/>

This web site is for parents, students and teachers to gain information and ideas for kindergarten. A very dedicated kindergarten teacher created this site and shared a wealth of ideas. The site is broken into two parts: for parents and for teachers. The teacher version has back-to-school ideas, monthly theme ideas, homework helpers, and much, much more. Kindergarten teachers should bookmark this site and add it to their favorites.

#### **25 - Virtual Vine**

**PA Standard(s):** 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 20.2, 20.3

**Topics:** Math, Reading, Vocabulary, Classroom Stations

<http://www.thevirtualvine.com/>

A very dedicated kindergarten teacher made this site where she shares hundreds of ideas for teaching young children, including literacy, monthly themes, and classroom centers. There is an overwhelming amount of ideas and information on this site and it is easy to spend hours combing through all of her wonderful suggestions. This site is perfect for early childhood educators, especially kindergarten teachers.

#### **26 - Florida Center for Reading Research**

**PA Standard(s):** 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.7, 15.2, 15.4

**Topics:** Literacy, Reading, Phonics, Phonemic Awareness, Vocabulary, Comprehension, Fluency

<http://www.fcrr.org>

As part of the Florida Center for Reading Research's mission, this site was created "to disseminate information about research-based practices related to literacy instruction and assessment for children in pre-school through 12th grade." Teachers from K-12 can find valuable resources on this site related to different reading topics. The site provides an effective searching tool that helps to narrow down site content and activities by specific topic and grade level. The activities can be printed and used immediately in classrooms.

#### **27 - Mrs. Meacham's Classroom Snapshots**

**PA Standard(s):** 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2

**Topics:** Anything

<http://www.jmeacham.com>

Elementary teacher, Jessica Meacham, created this site to share her wonderful and creative ideas with other teachers. She organizes her site alphabetically and there are a TON of resources on it. She even offers downloadable copies of her materials for teachers to print and use. This site is perfect for early childhood and elementary school teachers.



### **28 - Discovery Education - United Streaming**

**PA Standard(s):** 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 3.1a, 4.3, 4.7, 4.8

**Topics:** Science and Social Studies

<http://streaming.discoveryeducation.com/>

United Streaming from Discovery Education allows teachers to have access to and integrate thousands of video clips, interactive activities, and lesson plans into their classrooms. Teachers can search by topic and grade level for any number of science or social studies-related topics. Video clips can be viewed and streamed directly into the classroom, however an account and password is required.

### **29 - TeacherWeb**

**PA Standard(s):** 3.4a-d, 20.1, 20.2

**Topics:** Classroom web site, Technology

<http://teacherweb.com>

TeacherWeb is a teacher-friendly site that allows teachers to create classroom web sites. Templates and page samples are provided and teachers simply need to enter the content and media. There is a yearly site subscription fee but there is a group rate if several teachers sign up together. TeacherWeb allows teachers to post classroom news, schedule, digital photos, videos, and more.

### **30 - Family Fun**

**PA Standard(s):** 20.1, 20.2

**Topics:** Family Involvement, Art, Cooking

<http://familyfun.go.com/>

This site features easy-to-do crafts, recipes, printable activities, and activities for parents and children. Parents and teachers can find more than 1000 art & craft ideas for kids of all ages including holiday & seasonal crafts, decorations and outdoor games. This site is a great one to pass along to parents.

### **31 - Hands-on House Children's Museum of Lancaster**

**PA Standard(s):** 9.1a, 9.1b, 20.2, 20.3, 15.4

**Topics:** Storytelling, Creative Thinking, Art, Science

<http://www.handsonhouse.org/>

The Hands-on House Children's Museum of Lancaster is a hands-on, fully interactive museum for young children. There is a small admission fee to visit, but there are attractions both inside and outside. Children will discover and learn at the museum's various exhibits, including the farm, backyard, grocery store, dress-up stage, and machine shop. The Hands-on House is a great place for field trips and they also offer an outreach program that visits schools.



### **32 - Kid Source**

**PA Standard(s):** 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2

**Topics:** Math, Reading, Language Arts

<http://www.kidsource.com/>

Kid Source provides parents and teachers with in-depth information related to children's healthcare and education. There are links for homework help, health & safety articles, education articles, and topics arranged by grade level K-12. Parents can also explore links of recommended products and recreational activities that are age appropriate for their children.

### **33 - Macaroni Kid (Kutztown to Allentown)**

**PA Standard(s):** 20.1, 20.2

**Topics:** Parent Involvement

<http://kutztown-to-allentown.macaronikid.com/>

Macaroni Kid provides parents with a list of upcoming events and activities for kids that are taking place in their area. Parents can search Macaroni Kid for events closest to the town or city in which they live. Many of the events are free or of little charge. Macaroni Kid provides suggestions for museums, restaurants, planetariums, festivals, and much more.

### **34 - Parents Magazine**

**PA Standard(s):** 20.1, 20.2

**Topics:** Child Development, Parent Involvement

<http://www.parents.com/>

This is the online version of Parents magazine. This site provides a wealth of resources for parents of young children, but early childhood educators may find it valuable, too. Links on the site will provide parents with information about babies, toddlers & preschoolers, and big kids. There are suggestions for healthy food recipes, as well as activities to do for the holidays.

### **35 - Learning Planet**

**PA Standard(s):** 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2

**Topics:** Alphabet Recognition, Math

<http://www.learningplanet.com/>

This site has a variety of free interactive games for young children that teach alphabet recognition and math skills, as well as word strategy games. There are several free components to this web site, however a yearly subscription is required in order to have full access to all of the site's features. There are tabs for teachers and students and this site is appropriate for young children.

### **36 - Reading Rockets**

**PA Standard(s):** 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4

**Topics:** Literacy and Language Arts, Reading

<http://www.readingrockets.org/>

Reading Rockets provides research-based suggestions for teachers and parents to help children become better readers and help struggling readers succeed. This site provides links for classroom strategies, the ABC's of teaching reading, videos & podcasts, children's authors, and reading research. There are so many valuable resources within this site that any classroom teacher can find it useful, not just reading teachers. This site is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

### **37 - Pigeon Presents! Starring Mo Willems' Pigeon!**

**PA Standard(s):** 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4

**Topics:** Literacy, Reading, Storytelling

<http://www.pigeonpresents.com>

Author and illustrator, Mo Willems, famous character, Pigeon, has his own web site where children can play interactive games and meet Mo's other characters. There are resources for teachers to print that accompany Mo's stories. The book guides also include posters and printable activities for children. This site is fun and colorful and will bring lots of enjoyment to young fans of Mo Willems and Pigeon.

### **38 - NASA Kid's Club**

**PA Standard(s):** 3.3a, 3.3b

**Topics:** Science, Space, Planets

<http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/kidsclub/flash/index.html>

NASA.gov brings you images, videos and interactive features from the unique perspective of America's space agency. Get the latest updates on NASA missions and play interactive space games with favorite characters such as Elmo and Buzz Lightyear. This site features resources for both teachers and parents, too.

### **39 - History Channel Classroom**

**PA Standard(s):** 5.1, 5.2, 5.3

**Topics:** Social Studies

<http://www.history.com/shows/classroom>

The History Channel presents this interactive web site for teachers and classrooms. There are video clips to accompany social studies lessons, as well as clips from favorite shows on The History Channel. Children can play games related to a variety of history topics or play games based on THC TV shows. There is a lot to explore on this site and it is appropriate for children of various ages.

#### **40 - Making Learning Fun**

**PA Standard(s):** 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1

**Topics:** Language Arts, Math

<http://makinglearningfun.com/>

Making Learning Fun is a site with tons of free printable materials that are designed to make learning fun! Whether you are a parent, teacher, or childcare care provider, you'll find this site to be filled with educational printables and activities for children. You'll find that pre-kindergarten through first grade students will enjoy these activities most, but you'll find yourself having fun too!

#### **41 - Enchanted Learning**

**PA Standard(s):** 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2

**Topics:** Anything

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com>

This site features thousands of printable materials, such as games, books, worksheets, and puzzles for children and teachers. Some of the materials are free, however a yearly site subscription is required to access all of the resources. The materials on this site are organized by topic and it is very easy to search and find a variety of resources.

#### **42 - Reading a-z.com**

**PA Standard(s):** 1.1, 1.2, 1.3

**Topics:** Reading, Language Arts, Literacy

<http://www.readinga-z.com/>

This site features hundreds of downloadable and printable leveled readers for a teacher's guided reading classroom library. There is a subscription free in order to access the materials, however the files can be saved in .pdf format and printed when needed. There are lesson plans that accompany each reader and homework sheets for students to complete. Running records are also provided for benchmark assessments, as well as poetry materials, vocabulary books, and so much more. This is a valuable web site for classroom teachers and reading specialists.

#### **43 - Free Rice**

**PA Standard(s):** 4.4, 4.8, 7.4

**Topics:** Social Studies

<http://freerice.com>

This non-profit web site is set up by the World Food Programme to help end hunger. It has two goals; to provide education to everyone for free and help end world hunger by donating 10 grains of rice for each answer you get right. Subjects include math, geography, language learning, English, chemistry, humanities. As you play and get answers correct, the questions get harder. If you get answers wrong, you get an easier question. The web site shows your rice totals as you go.

#### **44 - The Week in Rap**

**PA Standard(s): 9.1a**

**Topics: Current Events, Music and Movement**

<http://www.theweekinrap.com>

One particularly entertaining way to review current events is to subscribe to [www.theweekinrap.com](http://www.theweekinrap.com) by Flocabulary Hip-Hop in the classroom. Every Friday a new rap song is created to a catchy beat/music which reviews the top news stories around the world. There are clips and pictures that go along with the music and rap, which really gets the students' attention. The quality of songs and lyrics is appropriate for children and is really entertaining!

#### **45 - The White House 101 for Kids**

**PA Standard(s): 5.1, 5.2, 5.3**

**Topics: Social Studies, Government**

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/white-house-101/>

Children can take a tour of the White House, learn all about our country's presidents, learn fun facts about the White House, and even see pictures of White House pets (past and present). Children love taking the interactive White House tour and seeing actual footage of the President's house. There are video clips, maps, and activities for children of all ages.

#### **46 - Free Vector Clip Art**

**PA Standard(s): 3.4e, 9.1c**

**Topics: Art, Technology**

<http://www.free-clip-art.com>

Users of this site can download high quality Vector and Web-Ready clipart for FREE. Ready-made pieces of printable art, such as illustrations, borders, and cartoons, can be electronically copied and used to decorate documents or projects. Use the .WMF format for printing and use the .GIF image for Web sites, newsletters and other Web use. Clip art categories include animals, holidays, music, people, education, and more!

#### **47 - Click Magazine for Kids**

**PA Standard(s): 1.1, 1.2**

**Topics: Reading**

<http://www.clickmagkids.com/>

Click Magazine for Kids is an interactive, online magazine for preschool and early elementary students developed to enhance the award winning Click print magazine. The site includes monthly themes, booklists, games, and printable projects to complete offline. The site includes teacher resource guides to accompany the web activities and magazine, too.

#### **48 - Fun With Spot**

**PA Standard(s):** 1.1, 1.2

**Topics:** Reading, Literacy, Language Arts

<http://www.funwithspot.com/us/>

Young fans of Eric Hill's Spot books will enjoy playing these online games and reading the animated versions of some of his Spot books. Shock wave plugin is required. The website is organized into six sections: news and events, store, parents and teachers, Spot on the iPad, create your own Spot story, and Spot's friendship corner.

#### **49 - Curious George**

**PA Standard(s):** 1.1, 1.2

**Topics:** Reading, Literacy, Language Arts

<http://www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/features/cgsite/index.shtml>

Young fans of Curious George books will enjoy playing these online games and interacting with Curious George. This web site's activities are for children of any age "curious about George". Web site features include: Author info., games, art tour, downloadable images, and, of course, purchasable books and memorabilia.

#### **50 - International Digital Children's Library**

**PA Standard(s):** 1.1, 1.2, 7.2, 7.3

**Topics:** Literacy, World Cultures

<http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>

Children, families, and teachers can read hundreds of quality children's books from around the world, featured in over 20 different languages. The site is supported by the International Digital Children's Library Foundation, which states that its mission is to "build a digital library of outstanding children's books from around the world and support communities of children and adults in exploring and using this literature through innovative technology designed in close partnership with children for children."

#### **51 - The Official Junie B. Jones Site**

**PA Standard(s):** 1.1, 1.2

**Topics:** Literacy, Reading, Language Arts

<http://www.randomhouse.com/kids/junieB/activities/activities.html>

Young readers and fans of precocious Junie B. Jones will enjoy playing online games and interacting with Junie. There are printable activities available online, too. For teachers, there are resources to accompany the Junie B. Jones books in the "teacher's corner" section of the site. Children can also learn about author, Barbara Park, and browse through an online store of Junie B. merchandise and books.

## **52 - Leading to Reading**

**PA Standard(s): 1.1, 1.2**

**Topics: Reading, Literacy, Language Arts**

<http://www.rif.org/kids/leadingtoreading/en/leadingtoreading.htm>

This site is supported by Reading is Fundamental (RIF) and the site is designed for children ages 0-2 and 3-5. There is also a section for "grown-ups". Leading to Reading is an early literacy website "where young children discover the world of reading and grownups enjoy the journey." Young children can read, sing, play, and explore a variety of subjects and books. Activities are also available in Spanish.

## **53 - Little Critter**

**PA Standard(s): 1.1, 1.2**

**Topics: Reading, Literacy, Language Arts**

<http://www.littlecritter.com>

Welcome to the world of Critterville, home to popular children's book character Little Critter. Here you can have fun with Little Critter through printable activities, games, interactive stories, and more. There are even videos of author/illustrator Mercer Mayer reading some of the books. Flash player is needed for many of the interactive elements.

## **54 - Speakaboos**

**PA Standard(s): 1.1, 1.2, 1.6**

**Topics: Reading, Language Arts, Speaking and Listening**

<http://www.speakaboos.com/>

Visitors to Speakaboos can listen to online children's stories such as Arthur, Curious George and other classic stories like folk tales and fairy tales. Foreign language stories and multicultural stories are available, too. There is also a feature to record your own story. Story guides and worksheets are included for teachers to use. Parents can download guides and resources for them to use with their children.

## **55 - Read Kiddo Read!**

**PA Standard(s): 1.1, 1.2**

**Topics: Reading, Literacy, Language Arts**

<http://www.readkiddoread.com/home>

This site by author James Patterson, is an authoritative resource for finding the best, current literature for children of all ages. The site is organized into four sections based on book type and age: Great Illustrated Books (age 0-8), Great Transitional Books (ages 6 & up), Great Pageturners (ages 8 & up), and Great Advanced Reads (ages 10 & up). The site includes summaries, read-alouds, reviews, and links to related activities. Join the newsletter and the ReadKiddoRead Community to access author interviews, blogs, lesson plans, and more!

### **56 - Learn to be Healthy**

**PA Standard(s):** 10.1, 10.2, 10.3

**Topics:** Nutrition, Health

<http://www.learntobehealthy.org/>

Educators and families can get health lesson plans and activities that children will enjoy as they learn to be healthy and make healthy choices. The site can be searched by topic, grade, or state standards. Children in grades K-6 can explore the online world of the Learn to be Healthy fun-filled school, where they can find games, activities, and much more!

### **57 - Kids Health**

**PA Standard(s):** 10.1, 10.2, 10.3

**Topics:** Nutrition, Health

<http://kidshealth.org/kid/>

Parents, children, and teachers can learn about healthy choices and how the body works to stay healthy on this informative and user-friendly site. Site topics include staying healthy, injuries, how the body works, growing mind & body, cooking, recipes, and even a kids' medical dictionary! There are games to play and lots of interactive activities to make learning about being healthy fun!

### **58 - Children of the Earth United**

**PA Standard(s):** 4.3, 7.4

**Topics:** Environmental Education

<http://www.childrenoftheearth.org/>

Children of the Earth is an adventure in environmental education and is a place for children, families, and teachers. This site is a great place for kids who like science, ecology, nature, and outdoor activities. Children of the Earth teaches children to be environmentally conscious and how everyday actions impact the earth.

### **59 - ABCya**

**PA Standard(s):** 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2

**Topics:** Math, Literacy

<http://www.abcya.com>

ABCya.com is a leader in free educational kids computer games and activities for elementary students to learn on the web. All children's educational computer activities were created or approved by certified school teachers. All educational games are free and are modeled from primary grade lessons and enhanced to provide an interactive way for children to learn. Grade level lessons incorporate areas such as language arts and math, while introducing basic computer skills. Many of the kindergarten and first grade activities are equipped with sound to enhance understanding. Fun children's Holiday activities are available in grade level sections!



## **60 – The Teacher's Guide to Plants and Flowers**

**PA Standard(s): 3.1a**

**Topics: Plants**

<http://www.theteachersguide.com/plantsflowers.htm>

For elementary teachers who teach a plants unit as part of science curriculum, this site is loaded with activities to accompany such a unit. There are links to lessons, interactive white board activities, plant crafts, plant print-outs, and clipart. There are links to children's songs about flowers and plants, as well as suggestions for books about plants.

## **61 – Kids Planet**

**PA Standard(s): 4.3, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9**

**Topics: Environment, Recycling, Animals**

<http://www.kidsplanet.org>

This site has many great games for kids on the web of life, fact sheets on different animal species, and they provide excellent information on what kids can do to help protect and defend their own environment. They even have their own Wildlife Adoption Center on the site.

## **62 – Kids for a Clean Environment**

**PA Standard(s): 4.3, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9**

**Topics: Environment, Recycling, Conservation**

<http://www.kidsface.org>

The mission of this site is to provide excellent and educational information to children about environmental issues and to encourage them to work on improving the world around them. It provides information on how they can work in their own community to reduce and reuse and the importance of recycling.

## **63 – EcoKids**

**PA Standard(s): 4.3, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9**

**Topics: Ecology, Environment, Recycling**

<http://www.ecokids.ca/pub/index.cfm>

This is one of the best sites on the web for parents, children, and teachers to learn more about the environment while allowing them to have a lot of fun. It is actually an award winning site for kids, and provides interactive and innovation environmental education for kids and their families. Great activities and games are used on the site to help children learn more about the environment, conservation, recycling, and ecology.

## **64 – Captain Planet Foundation**

**PA Standard(s): 4.3, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9**

**Topics: Environment, Recycling, Ecology, Conservation**

<http://captainplanetfoundation.org/>

The mission of the Captain Planet Foundation is to support hands-on environmental projects for children in grades K-12 and to encourage innovative activities that empower children to be heroes for their environment. The CPF believes that children play a vital role in preserving our earth's natural resources for future generations.

### **65 - Meet the Greens**

**PA Standard(s): 4.3, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9**

**Topics: Recycling, Conservation, Environment**

<http://www.meetthegreens.org/>

This website is all about a family, the Greens, who are working hard to make sure that they do the right thing for the environment. Meet the Greens is a site based in the United States and it includes animated adventures with the family, which all have great environmental messages. Not only can children learn about recycling, saving animals, and more, but there is a blog that is interactive for kids!

### **66 - Recyclezone**

**PA Standard(s): 4.3, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9**

**Topics: Recycling, Conservation, Environment**

<http://www.recyclezone.org.uk/>

Welcome to **recyclezone**, the site for schools, children and teachers that tells you what's what in the world of waste!

Although this site is called recyclezone, recycling is only one of the things we can do about waste. The site talks about the 3Rs - reduce, reuse, recycle. The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in the UK sponsors this site. It provides a wealth of great information that is presented on a level for children. The site is brightly colored, it's easy for kids to use, and interactive to get them involved in learning about recycling.

### **67 - Infrared Zoo**

**PA Standard(s): 4.7**

**Topics: Environment, Animals, Endangered Species**

[http://coolcosmos.ipac.caltech.edu/image\\_galleries/ir\\_zoo/](http://coolcosmos.ipac.caltech.edu/image_galleries/ir_zoo/)

Infrared light shows us the heat radiated by the world around us. By viewing animals with a thermal infrared camera, we can actually "see" the differences between warm and cold-blooded animals. Infrared also allows us to study how well feathers, fur and blubber insulate animals. As you tour this "Infrared Zoo", see what new information you can gather about the animals here that you would not get from a visible light picture.

### **68 - Planet Pals**

**PA Standard(s): 4.3, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9**

**Topics: Recycling, Conservation, Environment**

<http://www.planetpals.com/>

Join Earthman, Sunnyray, Fluffy, and the rest of the Planetpals gang to learn all about our planet, weather, and ways you can recycle and conserve the earth's resources. You'll also find sections with crafts you can make, games, coloring pages, and lots of other fun stuff. This site is colorful and perfect for teachers to use during Earth Day units.

**69 - TIME for Kids**

**PA Standard(s): 5.1, 7.3**

**Topics: Current Events**

**<http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/>**

TIME for Kids teaches children of all ages about current events through interactive media, activities, and colorful photographs. This site gets kids excited about the news and is arranged by grade level: K-1, 2, 3-4, 5-6. There is a teacher resource page and downloadable activities for classroom use.

**70 - Play Kids Games.com**

**PA Standard(s): 1.1, 1.2**

**Topics: Alphabet Recognition, Literacy**

**<http://www.playkidsgames.com/alphabetGames.htm>**

This site features lots of colorful, interactive, and educational games for children. Many of the games are geared toward young elementary students and can be used to teach children about the alphabet. There is a game called "Alphabet Whack-a-Mole" which will prove to be a favorite for young children!