

Today's AETN

PARENT

Resource Guide



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A parent is a child's first teacher.

AETN empowers parents as their child's first teachers.

Because a parent is a child's first teacher, AETN creates local educational initiatives and activities and shares PBS KIDS resources. Special broadcasts, contests, parenting tips and ideas, videos, games and apps help create a knowledge-rich environment for young learners.

AETN and PBS create an environment for the whole child, especially those who can't attend preschool. Resources for parents at home and teachers in the classroom are research-based, common core aligned and searchable by topic and age.

In addition to AETN's primary channel featuring the PBS lineup and award-winning local productions, the network also broadcasts two unique digital channels:

AETN-2 Create

Create's instructional programs provide expert advice on cooking, arts and crafts, gardening, home improvement and travel.



AETN-3 Plus

Plus delivers you the best animation and educational series. From 6 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 6:00 p.m. daily, the channel features children's programs.

For AETN's full program schedule, visit

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Download our children's program schedule at

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AETN is a **safe and trusted** place for families on television, online and in Arkansas communities.

AETN is committed to opening up the world to Arkansas families by providing research-based educational children's programs, the AETN KIDS Club, community education initiatives and PBS resources and activities.



AETN KIDS Club

The AETN KIDS Club is a safe place for Arkansas parents and kids to get the latest news about special television programs, events and contests, reading lists, healthy recipes and information about inspirational people. aetn.org/kids

Arkansas Campaign for Grade-Level Reading

AETN is a partner in the Arkansas Campaign for Grade Level Reading that aims to have all Arkansas children reading at grade level by the end of third grade by 2020. Get started today by taking the pledge. ar-qlr.net



Student Selects: A Young Filmmakers Showcase

Student Selects: A Young Filmmakers Showcase is an annual call for entries for K-12 students to try their skills at filmmaking. aetn.org/studentselects



AETN and PBS KIDS Writers Contest

In conjunction with the PBS KIDS Writers Contest, AETN hosts a statewide competition for K-3 students. aetn.org/writerscontest

AETN Youth Academy

AETN Youth Academy features summer learning camps for children ages 7-10 and 11-15. Kids are offered a fun learning experience in the worlds of writing, filmmaking, production and more.



STEAM Laboratory on YouTube

AETN's STEAM Laboratory YouTube channel features the Little Rock Museum of Discovery's "Mad Scientist" discussing science, technology, engineering, arts and math in an exciting and fun new way. youtube.com/steamlaboratory

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PBS Parents provides educational **tools** and **resources** where children learn, live and play.

PBS Parents is a trusted resource filled with information on child development and early learning that is searchable by topic, age, theme or keyword. It also serves as a parent's window to the world of PBS KIDS, offering access to educational games and activities inspired by PBS KIDS programs.

AETN and PBS are dedicated to parents, students and their families with resources that transform teaching and learning.

Ready To Learn

Ready To Learn is an effective children's media program that includes high-quality, trans-media content and is unparalleled in its impact, value and necessity. The math and literacy-based educational programming created by Ready To Learn provides families with effective, non-commercial content that helps prepare kids for success in school and narrows the achievement gap.

pbskids.org/readytolearn

Raising Readers

PBS KIDS Raising Readers is a national literacy campaign focused on building reading skills at home, at school, in child care, and in the community. PBS KIDS Raising Readers utilizes reading-focused PBS KIDS multimedia content, including television programming, Web content and games for parents and teachers, professional development for caregivers and teachers, and curriculum for preschool and kindergarten settings.

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AETN PBS LearningMedia

Parents can access more than 30,000 curriculum-aligned digital resources from 90 trusted media partners, and search, save and share with ease.

aetn.pbslearningmedia.org



PBS is
America's
largest
classroom.



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PBS KIDS helps to close the achievement gap with **resources and tools** for parents, educators and kids.



PBS Kids is the **#1** educational media brand

Early education prepares children for success in school and life

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)

-  CAT IN THE HAT
-  DINOSAUR TRAIN
-  CURIOUS GEORGE
-  SESAME STREET
-  SID THE SCIENCE KID
-  WILD KRATTS
-  PEG + CAT

LITERACY

-  SUPER WHY!
-  SESAME STREET
-  WORDWORLD
-  MARTHA SPEAKS
-  WORDGIRL
-  THE ELECTRIC COMPANY

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

-  DANIEL TIGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD
-  SESAME STREET
-  ARTHUR
-  CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG
-  BARNEY & FRIENDS
-  CAILLOU
-  THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE

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Families can **play games online**, find program times, download printables, watch online, and get the apps.

Games

Kids can play online games with favorite PBS KIDS characters. Choose a character and play a game, or visit any one of the characters' websites, such as Arthur, Clifford the Big Red Dog or Curious George, to watch, play and learn.

pbskids.org/games

Mobile Apps and Games

Families can watch PBS KIDS shows and play games on mobile devices. Kids can count, read, create a story, color a picture, choose healthy foods and more.

pbskids.org/mobile

Videos

Families can watch videos from favorite PBS KIDS shows. Take a trolley ride with Daniel Tiger and learn how to be a good neighbor, hop on a train ride with the dinosaurs from "Dinosaur Train," and take off with the Cat in the Hat to learn about bees at the queen's party.

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"Peg+Cat" uses **math** and problem-solving skills to save the day and models skills such as resilience and **perseverance**.
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DIGITAL LEARNING GAMES BASED ON **CURIOUS GEORGE & THE CAT IN THE HAT** CAN BOOST PRESCHOOLERS' MATH KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS, MAKING THEM BETTER PREPARED FOR KINDERGARTEN



Source: WestEd study: PBS KIDS Mathematics Transmedia Suites in Preschool Homes, 2012

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PBS KIDS Island

Literacy activities and tracker

PBS KIDS Island provides free reading games and activities for children, parents, caregivers and teachers to use at home or in the classroom. Built on a literacy framework and scaffolded to preschool reading curriculum, PBS KIDS Island tracks a child's progress, helping parents, caregivers and teachers identify areas where the child may need additional support.

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PBS KIDS Lab

PBS KIDS Lab is built on the belief that every new technology is an opportunity for learning. PBS works closely with researchers and advisers every step of the way, from building curriculum frameworks to ensure that content aligns to state and national standards, to testing early prototypes with kids. PBS KIDS Lab shares the latest and greatest in digital learning for the classroom and at home.

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PBS KIDS Play

for Pre-K to 1st grade

PBS' first app designed specifically for parents, PBS Parents Play & Learn provides more than a dozen games parents can play with their kids, each themed around a familiar location – including at the grocery store, in a car, in the kitchen and many more.

pbskidsplay.org



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The **Child Development Tracker** gives parents insights on the stages of growth by age and articles from experts about development, milestones and how to talk to kids about various subjects.

From birth to age 9, the Child Development Tracker focuses on the following areas and also shares supporting activities and book ideas.

Approaches to learning



Research shows that if children start school with a strong set of attitudes and skills that help them "learn how to learn," they will be better able to take advantage of educational opportunities. While some learning skills come naturally to children, others can be developed through a supportive environment.

Creative arts



A child's development in the creative arts varies greatly based on the child's experiences with art, music, dance and theater.

Language



Every child's development is unique and complex. Although children develop through a generally predictable sequence of steps and milestones, they may not proceed through these steps in the same way or at the same time. A child's development is also greatly influenced by factors in his or her environment and the experiences he or she has.

Literacy



A child's development in literacy involves awareness of sounds, phonics and word recognition, reading comprehension, and writing (content and process and mechanics).

Mathematics



Child development in mathematics includes number sense, operations on numbers, geometry and spatial sense, measurement, patterns, reasoning and algebra.

Physical health



Physical health development involves motor skill development, health status and practices, and skills development.

Science



The overall goals of children's development in science are to deepen their conceptual understandings of the world around them, to increase their comprehension of how science is practiced and to develop their abilities to conduct scientific investigations.

Social and emotional growth



A child will have a strong foundation for later development if he or she can manage personal feelings, understand others' feelings and needs, and interact positively with others. Differences in social and emotional development result from a child's inborn temperament, cultural influences, disabilities, behaviors modeled by adults, the level of security felt in a child's relationships with adults, and the opportunities provided for social interaction.

Families can find and adopt strategies for literacy, math, science, arts and social behavior.

Take a look at how your child's reading, language, science, math and other educational abilities develop – and how to nurture their growth at each age – using milestones and the Child Development Tracker.

Use the **bookfinder** to help your emerging reader:

- Search by age, book type or key words.
- Learn how to grow a bookworm.
- Encourage your son to read.
- Start a book club.

Find ways for kids to have fun with literacy using great tips, activities and resources:

- What to do When Your Child Hates Reading
- Literacy Skills Everyday

Find ways to incorporate **math** into your everyday lives with excellent math tips, activities and games:

- Math Everyday
- Sweet Math Treats

Make **science** hands-on with excellent tips, activities and games:

- Everyday Science
- Sensory Play

Foster an early love of **music** by listening to a variety of music, experimenting with instruments and singing songs. Tips and activities to help include:

- What Should My Child Listen To?
- Chuck Vanderchuck: Instruments & Their Sounds
- Martha Speaks: Make the Band
- Sid the Science Kid: Sound Garden



Whether your children are the **new kids at school** or seasoned students, they'll likely experience the ups and downs of friendship. Find out how and when to help:

- Helping Your Child Make Friends
- Moving Beyond "Mean Girls"
- An Antidote to Bullying: Moral Courage and a Global Vision

Homeschooling - is it right for you and your family? If you decide to take the plunge, we've got tips and advice to help you in your endeavors:

- Homeschooling Overview
- Getting Started

Being your child's first teacher may make you the first person to notice or worry about the possibility of a **learning disability**. Get the facts to be the best advocate for your child:

- What IS a learning disability?
- What are the signs of a learning disability?
- What kinds of treatment are available for learning disabled children?



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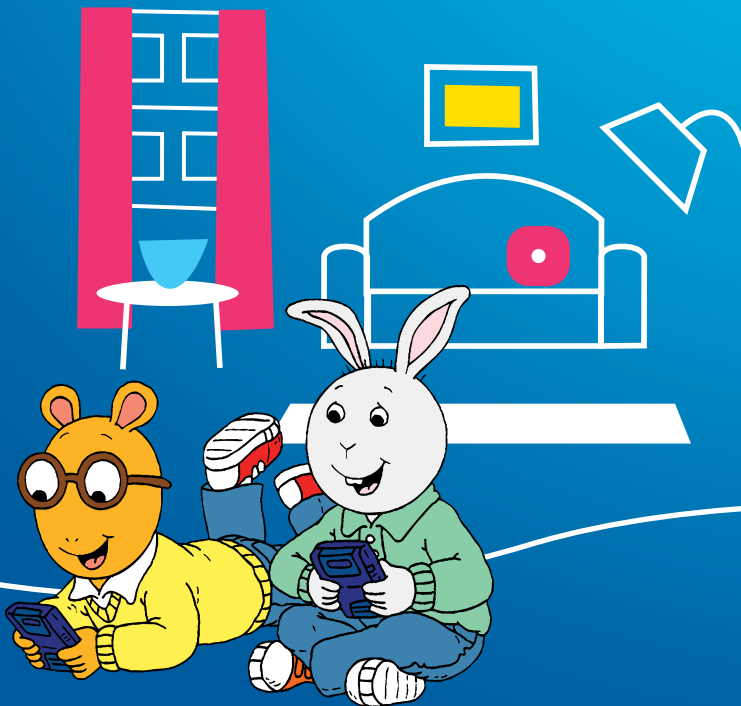


Learning is made **fun and easy** with printables, activities and online games. Search by type of project, medium, holiday and season, PBS KIDS characters, and education area.

Choose your favorite PBS KIDS characters, and find their related printables and coloring pages, online games, photo factory, **activities and crafts**, learning programs and mobile apps.

Browse crafts and activities in the areas of science, math, music and art, reading and literacy, and DIY **travel games** when you are on the go.

Online games and apps with favorite PBS KIDS characters in the areas of science, math, music, reading and literacy make learning fun. Try PBS KIDS PLAY!, an exclusive **learning program** for kids ages 3-6.



Share your child's fridge-worthy **art** or project on the community fridge.

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Find **recipes**, smart snacks, tips on getting kids to eat right, kitchen activities and games, fitness milestones and more.

Kitchen Explorers expands children's natural interest in the kitchen and offers ways that parents can help kids explore food. With help from field guides Alice and Aviva (two amazing moms and cooks!), you and your child can make magic in the kitchen.

Eat smart, and encourage healthy eating and living with tips, recipes, articles to ease family dinners, learning with food, and food-related activities with PBS KIDS characters.

Recipe Roundup includes recipes for picky eaters, lunchbox ideas, healthy snacks, breakfast recipes, quick and easy dinner recipes, and recipes for holidays and special occasions.

Keep kids healthy and fit using sports and fitness helpful tips, activities, sports ideas and more. Help kids learn to feel strong, resilient and competent, find out about playground safety, and learn how to discuss good sportsmanship.



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Discover how to talk to kids about **tragedies**, advice for military families, the difference between raising girls and boys, and articles about children and media.



Experts guide parents each month covering a wide range of parenting topics including bullying, coping with trauma and stress, nurturing sibling relationships, when to get your kid a cell phone, how to talk to kids about **disabilities** and more. You'll also have a chance to share your own expert tips with other parents.



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AETN keeps parents and kids connected and learning online.

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ar-qlr.net (Arkansas Campaign for Grade-level Reading)

Watch your favorite show, play games, check a program time, download a learning app, and more through **AETN** and **PBS** online.



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