



Detroit PBS KIDS

Daily Newsletter

In-Home Learning and Fun!

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Summer is just around the corner, so outdoor fun is the order of the moment -- safely, of course!

App of the Day:

[Outdoor Family Fun with Plum](#)

Does your family have a few minutes at the bus stop or 15 minutes to play outside? Try a mission from Plum and start building a healthy habit! Spending time outdoors has many benefits and nature is all around you just have to look!

Book of the Day:

[The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle - Animated Film](#)

In the internationally acclaimed The Very Hungry Caterpillar, a tiny caterpillar eats and eats...and eats his way through the week.

Writing Prompt:

If you had a garden, what would you grow?

Infants and Toddlers:

[Talk, Read and Sing Together Every Day!](#)

Play "Peek-a-boo" while getting your baby dressed. Ask, "Where's (baby's name)?" when you pull a shirt over your baby's head. Then say, "There you are!"

Preschool:

[Grow Seedlings in an Egg Carton](#)

Growing seedlings in an egg carton is a great way to teach your child about plants.

Grades K-2:

[Make a Miniature Garden](#)

Learn how seeds and plants grow, and build observation skills with this hands-on garden activity. First create your miniature garden and then track plant growth with the Nature Cat plant journal.

Grades 3-5:

[How do plants "drink" water?](#)

You may know that you have to water plants to keep them alive, but how do plants get water from the soil into the parts they need? Try this experiment to learn how!

Grades 6-8:

[A Year in the Garden | Think Garden](#)

This video from KET's Think Garden collection tells the story of a traditional summer garden over the course of a year. Learn how to prepare for a garden starting in January through early spring by composting, starting seeds, and mapping the location of plants. See students in school gardens prepare their gardens for planting in the spring by measuring and creating pathways, and then watch as they tend to their gardens all summer by watering, weeding, and harvesting. Finally, learn how to get a garden ready for winter, and then start all over again!

Grades 9-12:

[Building a Garden in a Day: Video | Nature Works Everywhere](#)

Believe it -- you can build a garden in a single day. In this second video of the How-to-Garden series, you will see that creating a garden doesn't have to be overwhelming. By following these guidelines, you will build a productive and healthy garden from the ground-up in just a few hours. This video supports the Nature Works Everywhere Gardens curriculum that includes activity guides and the How-to-Garden video series.

GET MOVING!

[Huddle Up and Get Moving!](#)

Follow along with NFL Players as they get your students' blood pumping with fun physical activity to PLAY 60 every day!

CHANNEL 56 HIGHLIGHTS AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

10:00 a.m. - Nature: Yosemite

As climate changes and temperatures rise, Yosemite Valley is a wilderness at risk.

Resource: [Yosemite National Park - Media Gallery](#)

2:00 p.m. - Margaret Mitchell: American Masters

Margaret Mitchell was no ordinary writer. The one book she published in her lifetime - Gone With the Wind - sold millions of copies during the Great Depression in America and won the Pulitzer Prize in 1937, 75 years ago. Margaret Mitchell: American Rebel engages leading authors, historians, biographers, and people with personal connections to Mitchell to reveal a complex and mysterious woman.

Resource: [American Masters: Margaret Mitchell's Pulitzer Prize Night -- Video](#)

WORLD CHANNEL (56.4) HIGHLIGHT

2:30 p.m. - Great Performances: Much Ado About Nothing

Recorded live at the Public Theater's Free Shakespeare in the Park, this modern interpretation of Shakespeare's romantic classic with an all-black cast features Danielle Brooks and Grantham Coleman.

Resource: [Exploring Music, Props and Race in Much Ado About Nothing](#)

PARENTS:

[Your Reopening Questions, Answered](#)

Even though Michigan has lifted its Stay Home, Stay Safe mandate, life is not returning to normal. Vigilance is still required. In this article from USA Today, some frequently asked questions about reopening are answered.

TEACHERS:

[Who, Me? Biased? Understanding Implicit Bias](#)

In this interactive lesson, students explore the extent to which society (and they themselves) may discriminate based on factors they're not even aware of, implicit biases.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

[DSO Classroom](#)

2:00 p.m.- DSO Educational Watch Party: What is a Concerto?

Tune in to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's weekly Educational Concert Series [Watch Party](#) on Friday at 2pm and explore one of the most popular genres of composition: the concerto! Learn how one of the most popular compositions -- the concerto -- has evolved through different musical eras and across different instruments. The webcast is available to view on the DSO website and on Facebook Live. An accompanying [Resource Guide](#) with lessons and activities is also available.

7:00 p.m. - PBS Family Movie Night: Hero Elementary Marathon

In the newest PBS KIDS series, Hero Elementary, superheroes learn to master their innate powers, like flying and teleportation, while exploring science along the way. This new series will give children important tools to help them solve problems by encouraging them to think and act like scientists, igniting their natural curiosity. After watching, join in some fun activities and unlock the superpowers in your kids!

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