



Detroit PBS KIDS

Daily Newsletter

In-Home Learning and Fun!

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Was your most recent sewing project a face mask? Or did you have to ask someone else to do it for you? Give your kids a start with this household skill -- and introduce them to some crafting opportunities with a needle and thread!

App of the Day:

[PBS KIDS Video](#)

The PBS KIDS Video app gives kids and parents access to thousands of free videos, including full episodes and clips from top PBS KIDS series. Stream the PBS KIDS 24/7 channel on the app for free (no subscription or login required). Tap the "LIVE TV" button to watch what's airing on your local PBS station right now.

Book of the Day:

[The Elves and the Shoemaker read by Chrissy Metz](#)

The story is a simple one, of a poor shoemaker and his wife who suddenly find they are getting help from a mysterious source.

Writing Prompt:

Do you like to create things? What would you create if you were a master tailor or seamstress?

Infants and Toddlers:

[Talking is Teaching](#)

Wondering how you might improve your child's language skills? Use these five-minute cards to support learning during everyday activities.

Preschool:

[Pasta Necklaces](#)

Playing with pasta can be an excellent way for your child to hone fine motor skills. Dying the pasta brings in science while sorting and counting build math skills. Finally, support your child's sewing skills by threading macaroni onto yarn or string.

Grades K-2:

[Sew much fun](#)

Miss Penny and the KidVision Kids go to Sew Much Fun to learn how to sew. They investigate sewing patterns, explore different types of fabrics, and learn what sewing notions are. Sew Much Fun!!!

Grades 3-5:

[Beanie Doll: Peg + Cat](#)

For those not-so-savvy sewers out there, in order to make this Cat Beanie, you'll just need a sock, needle and thread, and some scraps of material.

Grades 6-8:

[A Beginner's Guide To SEWING!](#)

How to use a sewing machine

Grades 9-12:

[31 Easy Sewing Projects for Teens](#)

Sewing is a handy life skill that has unfortunately fallen out of school lesson plans over the years. Knowing how to sew not only comes in handy when you tear your favorite clothes or need to repair a tent, but is a fun, creative hobby that encourages design thinking and problem-solving skills.

GET MOVING!

[TAKE A LISTENING WALK by Tinkergarten](#)

Suggest to kids that you go on a walk, but that it's a special kind of walk that is all about the sounds we hear around us--a listening walk.

CHANNEL 56 HIGHLIGHTS AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

12:00 p.m. Nova: Prediction by the Numbers

Discover how predictions underpin nearly every aspect of our lives and why some succeed spectacularly while others fail.

Resource: [The Transcontinental Railroad](#)

3:00 p.m. The Story of China with Michael Wood: The Last Empire/The Age of Revolution (World History)

In the 18th century China was the biggest economy in the world, and with that prosperity came a fabulously rich culture. From China's favorite novel, to opera and storytelling houses, and all-women's mosques, it's an age full of surprises. But then came the fateful clash with the British in the First Opium War, the beginning of the end of the empire.

Resource: [Be the Historian: How do images function as symbols?](#)

WORLD CHANNEL (56.4) HIGHLIGHT

2:00 p.m. - American Experience: Chasing the Moon: A Place Beyond the Sky

A Place Beyond the Sky begins in 1957 and tracks the early years of the space race as the United States struggles to catch up with the Soviet Union.

Resource: [Sputnik's Launch Begins the Space Race | Chasing the Moon](#)

PARENTS:

[Great Lakes Learning: Freshwater science for the youngest learners](#)

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TEACHERS:

[PBS Learning Media Tools - Folders](#)

Have you explored PBS Learning Media's "Folders" function? It's a great way to organize your lessons and favorite resources and share them virtually with students and colleagues!

SPECIAL EVENTS:

6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. [Bedtime Stories on Facebook with Dearborn](#)

[Public Library](#)

8:00 p.m. [MSU Extension Parenting Hour: Mindfulness for Children](#)

Techniques of mindful awareness can help children learn to pay closer attention to their thoughts, feelings and emotions. Learn ways to help children reduce stress and anxiety to enhance their well-being. Extension Extras Parenting Hour is a free online series of parenting workshops that provides guidance for parents of young children as they navigate the challenges and concerns of parenting.

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