



Detroit PBS KIDS

Daily Newsletter

In-Home Learning and Fun!

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Is one of your best friends furry with great big eyes and a warm tongue? We're celebrating dogs and puppies today - with a little bit of cat thrown in for good measure.

App of the Day:

[Daniel Tiger's Storybooks](#)

The Daniel Tiger's Storybooks app offers a library of interactive stories narrated by Daniel Tiger. The stories show Daniel learning little life lessons, like sharing with friends and being a helper. Each book, available in English and Spanish, includes a familiar song, charming animations, and a simple game to encourage children to play about the theme of the story.

Book of the Day:

[Clifford \(the Big Red Dog\) Goes to Dog School](#)

Go old-school with this "Read Me a Story" video of an original Clifford book. Then check out the Clifford games and activities online at [PBS KIDS!](#)

Writing Prompt:

What games do you like to play with your favorite furry friends and why?

Infants and Toddlers:

[Playtime Activities Sheet](#)

Every moment together is an opportunity for role play - all it takes is imagination. While waiting at the doctor's office, your child can play the doctor and you can introduce yourself as the patient. Pretend you have a stomachache or a headache and ask your child for a cure. You can encourage your child's role play in many other settings like restaurants, grocery stores, and subways.

Preschool:

[Pretend Puppy Play | PINKALICIOUS® & PETERIFIC®](#)

To help Pinky the puppy feel more at home, Pinkalicious® and her brother, Peterific®, pretend to be dogs in this video excerpt from the PBS KIDS series PINKALICIOUS & PETERIFIC®.

Grades K-2:

[Animal Shelter Field Trip](#)

Ms. Penny and the KidVision VPK Kids visit an animal shelter.

Grades 3-5:

[Puppy Walker](#)

In this segment from Zoom into Action, Brett trains puppies to be seeing-eye dogs.

Grades 6-8:

[Sniffing Out Dogs' Senses](#)

Discover just how powerful a dog's sense of smell can be in this video from NOVA: Inside Animal Minds: Dogs & Super Senses. Fern, a trained sniffer dog, is put to the ultimate test: Can she locate a canister of meat hidden 20 feet underwater?

Grades 9-12:

[Driftwood the Dog](#)

In this video from the PBS series NATURE, Tara Bayne and Devon Napier share the story of their border collie Driftwood, who has lost his hind feet.

GET MOVING!

[MOVE LIKE ANIMALS](#)

Follow along with Dionne as she acts out different animals - big and small - using her body.

CHANNEL 56 HIGHLIGHTS AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

10:00 a.m. - The Mississippi: Rivers of Life

The Mississippi reaches far beyond the Deep South; its fingers stretch into nearly half of the USA. From the frozen north - where coyotes learn to fish in icy water - down through the nation's agricultural heart and then to the mysterious, steamy southern swamps where alligators still rule. The many faces of the Mississippi unite a nation.

Resource: [Taming the Mississippi - Media Gallery and Support Materials](#)

12:00 p.m. - NOVA: Cat Tales

Worshipped as a goddess, condemned as satanic, and spun into a stunning array of breeds, cats have long fascinated humans. But did we ever really domesticate them? And what can science tell us about our most mysterious companions?

Resource: [Cat tongues are covered in hundreds of body-cooling, moisture-wicking quill pens - Article](#)

WORLD CHANNEL (56.4) HIGHLIGHT

4:00 p.m. - The Greeks, Episode 1: Cavemen to Kings

Learn about the ancient civilization of the Greeks, from the very beginning of trade on the Greek Islands during the Bronze Age to the height of Athenian power. This resource contains material that may be sensitive for some students.

Resource: [The Greeks](#)

PARENTS:

[Sesame Street in Communities](#)

Together with children, watch this video to see how Elmo's mom helps him set up a video call with his friends. After watching, talk with children about other ways you can maintain friendships from afar.

TEACHERS:

[When to Teach Online Classes Live and When to Let Students Learn on Demand](#)

Dealing with this novel experience of hating your job? So many teachers are in the same place, so here are some things that are helping them cope.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

[Echo Live at MiSci: VIRTUAL LIVE Science Experiments](#)

11:00 a.m. - Belleville Area District Library Online Preschool Storytime

All children are invited to an on-line storytime on Facebook at 11:00 a.m. on Mondays with the Belleville Area District Library.

2:30 p.m. - Join the [Michigan Science Center](#) every weekday at 2:30 PM as their educators present live science experiments from the Distance Learning studio.

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