



Detroit PBS KIDS

Daily Newsletter

In-Home Learning and Fun!

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Learn more about the most fascinating creatures on eight legs: Spiders!

App of the Day:

[Daniel Tiger's Grr-ific Feelings](#)

Children can play, sing, and learn about all kinds of feelings with their friend and neighbor Daniel Tiger from the hit PBS KIDS series, Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood.

Book of the Day:

[The Very Busy Spider](#)

Check out this animated version of a popular book for young children.

Writing Prompt:

If you were a spider on the wall at your house what would be the funniest thing you would see?

Infants and Toddlers:

[7 Music Games for Practicing Self-Regulation](#)

Fingerplays can provide little hands with something to do during moments that require waiting, like standing in line, riding the bus/driving in the car, or waiting for food at the table. [Check out these books](#) full of fingerplays and sing alongs!

Preschool:

[Jim Parsons: Arachnid | Sesame Street](#)

Teach language, vocabulary and listening comprehension with Celebrity Vocab clips!

Grades K-2:

[Orbit Makes a Web - Wild Kratts](#)

Use this video from Wild Kratts to teach children about spider silk, the toughest material made by any animal on the planet. Chris and Martin watch Orbit, the Spider, make a new orb web.

Grades 3-5:

[Garden Spiders](#)

In this video segment from Garden Insects, learn about six varieties of spiders that live in one garden.

Grades 6-8:

[Spider Biologist | Great Job!](#)

Look on as Dr. Blackledge, locates webs in the wild, then, follow him back to his lab where he demonstrates how to extract spider silk from a live spider, and test its strength.

Grades 9-12:

[Lens of Time: Spider Seduction](#)

For these jumping spiders, stayin' alive requires all the right dance moves--and the perfect soundtrack, too.

GET MOVING!

[Star Wars Jedi Workout](#)

Begin your Jedi training with this series of workout videos.

CHANNEL 56 HIGHLIGHTS AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

12:00 p.m. - Nova: Dog Tales (Science)

Follow the epic journey of dog domestication and see what science says about dogs' love. **Resource:** [Do Dogs Understand Fairness? - Video and Support Materials](#)

3:00 p.m. - Civilizations - The Cult of Progress (World History)

This episode is about the "Progress" as an ideology, and how the "civilizing" project that arose from Enlightenment ideas was fraught with contradictions.

Resource: [Art for Change Collection](#)

WORLD CHANNEL (56.4) HIGHLIGHT

1:00 p.m. - Climate Change: The Facts

Discover how the latest innovations and technology are posing potential solutions and what individuals can do to prevent further damage due to global warming.

Resource: [Choosing Earth's Climate Future](#)

PARENTS:

[Why Are People Wearing Masks? Answering Your Child's Questions](#)

For young children, it's best to answer their questions simply in language they understand. If children ask about people wearing masks or other face coverings, parents can explain:

- Sometimes people wear masks when they are sick.
- When they are all better, they stop wearing the mask.
- Some people are wearing masks now as a way to prevent getting sick.

TEACHERS:

[6 Current Teaching Trends We'll Look Back On and Think WHAT?!](#)

Following are the current teaching trends we believe we'll look back on and ask ourselves, "What were we thinking?"

SPECIAL EVENTS:

12:00 noon - Educational topics are on the agenda for this week's COVID313 Town Hall. [Watch here.](#)

[Thank You Thursdays! with Mo Willems](#)

May is THANK-O-RAMA month with Mo Willems! As part of the monthlong celebration, Disney Publishing Worldwide is joining the Kennedy Center for a special video series, Thank You Thursdays! Tune in every Thursday in May any time after 1:00 p.m. ET to see who Mo (and viewers) will thank each week.

10:00 a.m. - [Moving Beyond ACES with Protective Factors, Healing and HOPE webinar](#)

Learn from Cailin O'Connor, Senior Associate with the Center for the Study of Social Policy about this new research and how it relates to the Strengthening FamiliesSM Framework.

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