



## Detroit PBS KIDS

Daily Newsletter

In-Home Learning and Fun!

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Imagine. An 85-degree day. A lazy river. An inner tube. We aren't there yet, but today we are exploring rivers!

### App of the Day:

[Daniel Tiger's Stop & Go Potty](#)

With Daniel Tiger's Stop & Go Potty app, children will practice stopping their play when they have to go potty and learn about their important bathroom routines at the potty and sink.

### Book of the Day:

Famous actors, athletes and more are keeping busy at home by releasing videos of themselves reading J.K. Rowling's famous tale aloud, and Daniel Radcliffe kicks off the series with the first chapter of "[Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone](#)."

### Writing Prompt:

Imagine that you spent the day canoeing down a river. Describe what you might see and how you might feel.

### Infants and Toddlers:

[Ten Best Ways to Encourage Toddlers To Talk](#)

From the time our babies are born, they need to know that we not only tell them what's happening ("I'm going to pick you up now"), but also that we pay attention to their non-verbal signals and listen to their sounds and cries. If we're unsure, we wait before reacting. We ask, give the child time to take our question in, and listen again. We make every attempt to understand what our babies might be communicating. We won't always be successful in the beginning, but we'll improve with each try.

### Preschool:

[River Story](#)

Follow along as Click the Mouse from Between the Lions reads the book The River.

### Grades K-2:

[Paws for a Minute | River Otter](#)

Learn about the river otter--where they live in the wild, features of their habitat, and how their specific physical features and feeding behaviors help them survive

### Grades 3-5:

[Interconnections in the Okavango River Delta | Okavango: River of Dreams](#)

Explore the impact elephants have on their native waterways in this fascinating video.

### Grades 6-8:

[Saving Crystal River](#)

Find out the impact of invasive algae on the waterways of Florida, and what you can do to help.

### Grades 9-12:

[How Hydropower Dams Work](#)

Explore how hydroelectric dams turn the power of water into electricity in our homes!

### GET MOVING!

[Two Ball Toss](#)

Pistons Academy Basketball embodies the spirit of "Detroit Basketball" with emphasis on the importance of dedication, hard work and team play. On Facebook and Twitter

### CHANNEL 56 HIGHLIGHTS AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

**9 a.m. - History Detectives: Airplane Engine Part, Metal Shavings, Yakima Saddle**

In this episode, the history detectives investigate four stories from the American West. **Resource:** [Pearl Harbor the Attack](#)

**12 p.m. - Nova: Inside Animal Minds: Who's the Smartest**

What makes an animal smart? What forces of evolution drive brains to become more complex? Many scientists believe the secret lies in our relationships. Throughout the animal kingdom, some of the cleverest creatures--including humans--seem to be those who live in complex social groups, like dolphins, elephants, and apes.

**Resource:** [Dolphins Plan Ahead - Video and Support Materials](#)

### WORLD CHANNEL (56.4) HIGHLIGHT

**1 p.m. - The Gene: An intimate History**

Geneticists wrestle with the moral implications of groundbreaking new technologies that offer both promise and peril.

**Resource:** [Genetic Case Studies](#)

### PARENTS:

[Kids Regressing? Help Them Cope with Stress During Coronavirus](#)

How can parents help children who are showing signs of distress? "Number one: check in with yourself," said Dr. Burke Harris. In fact, "That's number one, number two, and number three. Our emotional wellbeing is the most important ingredient for our children's emotional wellbeing."

### TEACHERS:

[The Benefits of Quality Education and How to Make it Accessible to All Children](#)

With policymakers paying increased attention to the importance of early education for all young children, HighScope and Detroit Public TV (DPTV) are partnering in this important livestream event.

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

**10:30 a.m.** - Detroit Public TV and HighScope present a virtual conversation with political leader and New York Times bestselling author, Stacey Abrams. Explore the importance of high-quality early childhood education to economic prosperity in the United States and what policymakers can do to create a cohesive education system for all young children. [Watch live here.](#)

**Wednesdays at 1 p.m.** - Impression 5 Science Center

Weekly Science Investigations via [Facebook Live](#) where one of the educators presents a live experiment you can follow along and do at home.

**9:00 p.m.** - **NOVA: Decoding COVID-19** (Premiere) on Detroit Public TV (Channel 56) How do you stop a contagious killer microbe? Scientists around the globe are racing to uncover the secrets of the coronavirus behind the COVID-19 pandemic - and using revolutionary techniques to develop lifesaving treatments and vaccines.

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