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Cool Websites  
for Learning  
& Fun Online



# Pre-School, Kindergarten, and Elementary

## Starfall

<http://www.starfall.com>

Learn to read! Read fun, animated stories, that help children with phonics, sight words, and more! Lots of games and short animated cartoons will inspire a love of reading and writing. Useful for children up to second grade.

## Kindersay

<http://www.kindersay.com>

Kindersay is a free online video website designed to help pre-readers and English as a second language children learn the alphabet and over 500 English words.

## Chateau Meddybemps

<http://www.meddybemps.com>

This site encourages small children to listen, read, write, think, and develop math and social skills. There are a lot of interactive games and stories that promise many hours of fun.

## International Children's Digital Library

<http://www.icdlbooks.org>

Touted as "A Library for the World's Children", the ICDL contains over 2,400 books in 41 languages. Search and read books in a fun, kid-friendly interface.

## Funschool: Fun and Educational Games and Activities for Kids

<http://funschool.kaboose.com>

Educational games and activities for pre-school to 6<sup>th</sup> grade students that include: math, language, science, geography, history, sports, arts and music games. There are printable coloring and puzzle sheets too.

## Funderstanding: Make a Rollercoaster

<http://www.funderstanding.com/k12/coaster/>

Using the laws of physics, see how small changes to a rollercoaster make a big difference!

## Learning Today

<http://www.learningtoday.com>

Smart Tutor is a fun online software program that helps your child build key reading and math skills through engaging interactive activities.

## Tumble Books

<http://www.tumblebooks.com>

This site offers an online collection of animated talking picture books, read-along text with audio narration, and an online audio library.

## ClickN Kids, ClickN Read Phonics

<http://www.clicknread.com>

This online, interactive phonics program for both homes and school provides instruction in letter sounds, word families, affixes, and more, along with progress reports.

<http://www.iteachmychild.com>

## **Time4Learning**

<http://www.time4learning.com>

This site is an online home education program that teaches with interactive games.

## **Early Advantage, Muzzy BBC**

<http://www.early-advantage.com>

This video program teaches language through animated stories and songs centered around the adventures of a cuddly space alien.

## **Do It Yourself**

<http://www.distorter.net>

Build 3D models with virtual blocks. See what other people create in the gallery.

## **Sketchswap**

<http://www.sketchswap.com>

Draw a picture, get a picture.

## **Kids on the Net**

<http://www.kidsonthenet.org/uk>

Become an author. Kids can write stories and post them on the site for everyone to read!

## **Art Zone @ the National Gallery of Art**

<http://www.nga.gov/kids/zone/>

Interactive art that you can make online...very, very fun. \* *Requires Shockwave*

## **Book Adventure**

<http://www.bookadventure.org>

Create your own booklists from over 7,000 titles, take quizzes on your favorite books, win points, and get prizes for reading successes!

## **Make Your Own Comic Strip**

<http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/>

This very fun site allows kids to create their very own comic strip using lots of different characters, story ideas, colors and more. You even can print out your finished comic!

## **Cool Science for Curious Kids**

<http://www.hhmi.org/coolscience>

Created by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, this site offers science activities for kids online and offline.

## **NASA's Kids Science News Network**

<http://ksnn.larc.nasa.gov/home.html>

This site uses animations, video, and the web to introduce science, technology, engineering, math, and NASA concepts to children in grades K-5.

## **PBS Kids**

<http://www.pbs.org/> and <http://www.pbs.org/teachers>  
Fun games and educational materials.

# **Homework Help and More!**

## **Factmonster**

<http://www.factmonster.com>

Get help in a variety of subjects, practice writing and studying skills, and search reference sources too.

## **Homework Hub**

<http://www.scholastic.com/kids/homework/>

This site from Scholastic, features a flash card maker, book report guides, study aids, spelling words, writing tips, quizzes, and much more!

## **The Beehive**

<http://www.thebeehive.org>

Find homework help in math, reading, science, social studies, art, music, and more. The site features help for elementary, middle, and high school students.

## **OttoBib**

<http://ottobib.com>

OttoBib is a free and easy bibliography generator. Just enter the ISBN number from the book you are citing and it will create the bibliography for you!

## **NJ Q and A**

<http://www.njqanda.org>

Never be without help again! Talk to a live librarian 24/7. All you need is a library card and a question!

## **BrainPOP (gr. 3-12) & BrainPOP Jr. (K-3)**

<http://www.brainpop.com>

Hundreds of animated movies in topics such as: social studies, math, English, technology, arts, and health for grades 3-12. There are quizzes and do-it-yourself experiments too.

*\*BrainPOP is a paid subscription, however, you can sign up for a free trial.*

## **TeacherTube**

<http://www.teachertube.com>

YouTube I don't think so! This site features educational videos only on every topic imaginable.

## **FunBrain**

<http://www.funbrain.com>

Great games that build math and reading skills. Games that parents and kids can play together too!

## **Science U**

<http://www.scienceu.com>

Science U is a website devoted to science learning. Topics such as the solar system and simple geometry are covered using interactive activities.

## **Quizlet**

<http://quizlet.com>

This free site allows you to create online quizzes on any topic imaginable! Try it out with spelling words, facts, capitals, or anything else you need to memorize for that next test!

## **Read Write Think**

<http://www.readwritethink.org>

This site offers a large collection of tools to support student literacy. Create poems, Venn diagrams, book report covers, essays, and so much more! *\*Content found in Student Materials section.*

## **EyeWitness to History**

<http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com>

Covering everything between ancient times to the end of the 20th century, search for articles, watch short movies, and listen to voices of the last century, within this comprehensive historical website.

## **Arcademic Skill Builders**

<http://www.arcademicskillbuilders.com>

Psst...they'll never know they're learning! Play lots of games that reinforce math and language skills!

## **Tom's Trap-O-Matic**

<http://members.abunawaf.com/dukefleet/Games/11/Tom&Jerry.swf>

Use your creativity and problem-solving skills to help Tom the Cat trap Jerry the Mouse. Use lots of "inventive" tools to create the ultimate mouse trap!

## **EdHeads**

<http://www.edheads.org>

This interactive site introduces topics such as physics, simple machines, weather, and anatomy.

## **Ask Dr. Universe**

<http://www.wsu.edu/DrUniverse/>

Dr. Universe answers your most curious questions. Any child can submit a question to Dr. Universe!

## **WebMath**

<http://www.webmath.com>

Enter any type of math problem into a pre-formatted problem page and get a prompt solution.

## **Google Earth**

<http://www.googleearth.com>

View satellite imagery of every location on Earth, as well as maps and 3D buildings.

## **NASA**

<http://www.nasa.gov>

This site provides education on anything related to space or U.S. Space Program. Options include photos, videos, informative text, podcasts, interactive activities, and a kids' club.

## **LibriVox**

<http://librivox.org/>

LibriVox provides free audiobooks from the public domain. There are several options for listening. LibriVox volunteers record chapters of books in the public domain and release the audio files back onto the net. The goal is to make all public domain books available as free audio books. They are a totally volunteer, open source, free content, public domain project.

## **Books on Tape**

<http://www.booksontape.com>

Buy books on CD or download audio off the website.

## **Simply Audiobooks**

<http://www.simplyaudiobooks.com>

Rent books on CD and have them shipped to your home. Send them back when you're finished and order more.

## **PowerSpeak**

<http://powerspeak.com>

Selection of 29 foreign language courses across most popular languages. Designed for kids—NOT adapted or repackaged from adult programs. Highly visual and amusing stories and activities encourage students to begin telling stories themselves. Emphasis is placed on acquisition of listening and reading skills, while providing a foundation for building students' capacity for speaking and writing.

## **World Language**

<http://www.worldlanguage.com>

Foreign language teaching resources.

## **National Geographic Kids**

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

Kids' games, animals, photos, stories and more.

## **Visual Thesaurus**

<http://www.visualthesaurus.com>

Interactive dictionary and thesaurus that creates word maps to encourage creative thinking and word usage. Small monthly fee for online usage.

## **Britannica Encyclopedia**

<http://www.britannica.com>

This online encyclopedia informs through text, photography, video and audio (fee).

## **Merriam-Webster, Word Central**

<http://www.wordcentral.com>

Reference this online dictionary, thesaurus,, and rhyming dictionary for immediate results. Online word games also support language skill development.

## **Metropolitan Museum of Art**

<http://www.metmuseum.org>

View art online.

## **The Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg**

<http://www.hermitage.ru/>

View art online.

## **The Louvre Museum, Paris**

<http://www.louvre.fr/>

View some more art online.

## **The Museum of Modern Art in New York**

<http://www.moma.org/>

View some more art online.

## **Smithsonian Institution**

<http://www.smithsonian.com>

Learn about science, culture, history, art, and everything imaginable by exploring the contents of any of the 19 museums of the Smithsonian. Kids learn through interactive online activities.