

Some Favorite Online Resources for Families and Educators Working with Families

IPTV Kids: <http://www.iptv.org/kids/default.cfm>

This site is designed especially for kids and is the Iowa companion to all the things they love about their favorite PBS characters. Many of the links from this site move directly to selected areas of the phenomenal PBS Kids Web sites.

- **Grown Ups:** <http://www.iptv.org/kids/grownups/default.cfm>

This site includes several resources for adults such as IPTV's Ready To Learn service, the Learning Triangle, and more.

- **Downloads:** <http://www.iptv.org/kids/grownups/resources/downloads.cfm>

This area is updated monthly and offers timely information for parents, providers and educators about IPTV programs and other educational resources.

- **Educator Resources:** http://www.iptv.org/educational_resources.cfm

Learn more about all of the educational resources IPTV has to offer.

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PBS Kids: <http://pbskids.org/>

The PBS Kids Web site gathers favorite PBS characters and programs into one mega-fun site designed especially for kids. Invite the children in your life to learn and play in a kid-friendly safe environment using games, music, stories and much more!

PBS Kids Online strives to be accessible to the largest possible audience by:

- offering content that is friendly to pre-readers and low-literacy users,
- addressing the needs of users with disabilities,
- developing activities including games, stories, music and printables that visitors can enjoy using a wide variety of computer systems and Internet connections.

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PBS Parents: <http://www.pbs.org/parents/>

PBS Parents helps parents, providers, and educators care for and educate children by offering educational activities and resources designed by experts in child development and other areas. The site includes PBS Kids program information, an up-to-the minute PBS Kids local TV schedule, tips for enjoying playtime together, thematic booklists, Q&A with guest experts, and articles for Spanish-speakers. The site also includes a robust search tool that helps parents, providers, and educators find activities that develop certain skills in certain areas such as math and reading.

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PBS TeacherSource: <http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/>

- **From the Start:** <http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/prek2.htm> PBS TeacherSource aggregates the PreK-12 educational services that PBS and its local stations provide and helps teachers incorporate video and the Web into the classroom. As part of the Ready To Learn service, From the Start, the early childhood area of PBS TeacherSource, provides additional resources for PreK-2 educators, including a monthly thematic unit of online activities, articles about issues in early childhood education, recommended books and links, and printables in Spanish and English for teachers to give to parents to help them reinforce the educational messages their children receive in the classroom. In addition, educators can search topical lists of lesson plans tied to our award-winning PBS Kids programming and correlated to national and state standards.

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PBS Share A Story: <http://pbskids.org/shareastory/>

PBS Kids Share a Story is a national literacy campaign designed to inspire adults to help millions of children develop language and literacy skills through daily activities, including book reading, drawing, storytelling, rhyming and singing.

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Reading Rockets: <http://www.readingrockets.org/>

Reading Rockets is a national multimedia project that looks at how young kids learn to read, why so many struggle, and how caring adults can help.

The Reading Rockets project is uniquely positioned to use the media and other outlets – such as television, the Web, outreach, and more – to disseminate research-based information about reading to as wide an audience of parents and educators as possible.

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Colorin Colorado: <http://www.colorincolorado.org>

This bilingual Web site in English and Spanish was created by READING ROCKETS for Spanish-speaking parents, so they'll have the information they need to help their children become good readers and successful students. Some of the topics are: helping your child succeed in school, fun and effective ways to read with children, how to know when your child needs extra help, where to go for help, activities to teach your child about sounds, etc.

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