

ParentDish's 27 Top Web Sites for Kids

Your kid might already be more Web savvy than you. Credit: chungeez, Flickr

Whether your kids are looking to learn something new, get help with homework or just have some fun while exercising their brains, there are plenty of great online educational destinations for children. To help you point them in the right direction, we've compiled a list of ParentDish's 27 top Web sites for kids.

1. 1. **National Geographic Little Kids:**

Created with preschoolers in mind, this site introduces kids to science and nature and also offers access to lots of educational games and activities. From growing plants to cooking and crafts, this site has a little something for everyone. Ages 4 and up

2. 2. **GridClub:** Popular in UK schools, GridClub offers fun and games that are linked to actual educational curriculum. Covering math, science, history, geography, art, music and more, the site is subscription-only but offers a free trial membership. Ages 5 and up

3. 3. **Kidnetic:** Created by the International Food Information Council, Kidnetic exists to help kids and their families get serious about good health. The site lets users set health goals and then gives them the tools to achieve them. Ages 7 and up

1. 4. **Google Scholar:** A great resource for students, Google Scholar is essentially a search engine that limits results to educational content appropriate for teens. Ages 15 and up

2. 5. **ZigetyZoom:** Sweet characters invite children to come in and learn at ZigetyZoom. With games to play, pictures to color and cute new friends to make, this is a great site to engage little imaginations and encourage a love of learning. Ages 4 and up

3. 6. **ThatsNotCool:** This site features quirky videos and moderated chat to teach teens about digital dating abuse and how to deal with it. Ages 13



and up

4. 7. **JSYK:** An AOL site for tweens and teens, Just So You Know is a great place for kids to keep up on their favorite celebrities. Unlike similar gossip sites aimed at adults, this one is snark-free and keeps the focus on the positive. In addition to celebrity content, the site includes the latest tech news, videos and a link to Teen Ink where kids can critique the poetry and fiction submissions of other kids. Ages 13 and up

5. 8. **StudyJams!:** From Scholastic, this

is a fun math and science resource designed for kids in grades three through six. Membership requires a paid subscription, but a two-week free trial is available. Ages 8 and up

6. 9. **Time for Kids:** Packed with information and resources, Time For Kids is a great place to learn about social, political and environmental issues. A supplement to the Time for Kids magazine, the site offers grade-appropriate worksheets and quizzes, as well as fun and educational games. Ages 8 and up

7. 10. **PBS Kids:** A popular destination for the under-5 set, PBS Kids offers educational games, videos, music and activities featuring familiar PBS show characters. It's a fun, colorful site that will have kids learning and playing at the same time. Ages 4 and up

8. 11. **Britannica Kids:** An online version of the encyclopedia for kids, at Britannica Kids, browse categories including arts, geography, religion, science, sports and more. With current events and even some celebrity-related content, kids can spend hours exploring and learning. Ages 10 and up

9. 12. **How Stuff Works:** As the name suggests, this is an informational treasure trove for curious kids. Fifteen different sections cover everything from Adventure to Science in a fun and engaging way. Kids 12 and up

10. 13. **Readergirlz:** Connecting girls who love to read, this site features book recommendations, reviews, book club questions and chats with popular authors. With no advertising or membership fees, it's a great place for book-loving girls to come together.

Ages 12 and up

11.14. **Storyline Online:** Created by the Screen Actors Guild Foundation, this site features actors and actresses reading beloved children's books in online streaming videos. Every video features closeup looks at the book's illustrations and is accompanied by suggested activities. Ages 4 and up

12.15. **The Yuckiest Site on the Internet:** Despite the name, this is truly a fun place for kids to learn about the inner workings of the human body. From Discovery Kids, the site also includes fascinating information on bug bodies, as well as fun games and activities. Ages 8 and up

13.16. **The Rudiments of Wisdom Cartoon Encyclopedia:** Not just another online encyclopedia, this site presents information on a wide range of subjects in a fun-to-read cartoon format. The experiment section features tons of interesting and fun activities. Ages 9 and up

14.17. **Nick News:** An online news show for kids, this site features videos from "Nick News with Linda Ellerbee." With weekly features and message boards, it's a great place for kids to keep up with current events. Ages 11 and up

15.18. **GoGoddess:** A site for tweens, GoGoddess offers advice and activities that promote self-esteem in young girls. By participating in blogs, games, polls and quizzes, girls earn "goddess gold" points for virtual shopping or sharing. Ages 8 and up

16.19. **Giggle Poetry:** Inner poets are released at Giggle Poetry, an online repository of hundreds of works by children. Kids can write poems, rate poems and even attend a virtual poetry class. The site includes interviews and the opportunity to ask questions of featured poets. Ages 8 and up

17.20. **FunBrain:** Age-appropriate math and reading activities are presented in an easy-to-navigate and colorful format. Much of the content is curriculum-based and includes flash cards, quizzes, games and more. Ages 5 and up

18.21. **Earobics/Gamegoo:** Educational games with an emphasis on fun,

this site promotes early reading for preschoolers. Quirky cartoon characters help kids navigate through games and activities for beginning to more advanced readers. Kids 5 and up
19.22. **KOL:** AOL's site for kids, Kids Online

is an easy-to-navigate site with both educational and just-for-fun content. Kids can get help with homework, learn about sports and animals or just have fun watching videos, playing games and exploring fashion and makeup. The KOL Jr. tab links to preschool-appropriate content. Ages 12 and up

20.23. **CoolMath:** Making math cool may seem like a tall order, but this site delivers. Fun puzzles and games help kids master everything from pre-algebra and finance to geometry to trigonometry. A special section for parents helps them get involved in their child's learning. Ages 13 and up

21.24. **Ramogames:** Designed for students of all ages, Ramogames is a portal to hundreds of educational games, puzzles and more. From improving typing skills to boosting vocabulary, this site truly has something for everyone. Ages 7 and up

22.25. **BrainPop Jr.:** A subscription site for kids in kindergarten to third grade, you'll find videos and games that cover a wide range of subjects. Easy for younger kids to navigate, the site does feature some free content and a guide for parents. Ages 5 and up

23.26. **Moshi Monsters:** This site takes

a nontraditional approach to teaching logic, reading and math. Players adopt a monster and play games, advancing to higher levels and earning points as they go. With a limited social networking component, it's a safe way to introduce kids to the world of online socializing. Ages 8 and up

24.27. **Meet the Greens:** For the budding environmentalist or someone who just wants to learn more about issues that impact our planet, Meet the Greens is a great place to start. Using cartoons, games, puzzles and blogs, kids are introduced to green ideas they can use in their own lives. Ages 8 and

up

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