

STUDENTS USE THE WEB

General Browsing - safe sites for kid exploration

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Teachers and parents are concerned about Kid Safe sites. Although anyone can click around to who-knows-what unless some hardware and software barrier is provided, the sites in this listing should be interesting and complete enough to keep the student engaged within their Kid Safe environment.











★ indicates the top picks for student involvement.

This page with site ratings is online at <http://www.merrybee.info/stuse.html>

- <http://www.agameaday.com/>
A Game A Day.
Word games and puzzles for two levels. Each level has a different educational puzzle for each weekday, with two months accessible. grades 3 and up
- http://www.stamps.org/kids/kid_StampFun.htm
American Philatelic Society: Just for Kids.
Fun games and information for young stamp collectors or those who are just interested in the hobby. Provided by The American Philatelic Society, the largest nonprofit organization in the world for stamp collectors. grades 4-8
- <http://www.blackdog.net/kids.html>
BlackDog's Kids.
Original stories, art activities, music, arcade and educational games. Send an online postcard or letter. Labeled ads and online store support this free site. Although labeled, kids could be confused by just what text is advertising, Bee Tip: The jukebox music is a good background for other computer activities, nice long selections (and, yes, one of the selections is Bumble Bee). grades k-5
- <http://www.EnchantedLearning.com/>
★ *Enchanted Learning.*
There are over 2400 illustrated entries in Little Explorers which is a picture dictionary with links to activities at related web sites (select English or other languages). Teachers can scroll the main page to find printable activity sheets and books, K-3 themes, preschool-k activities, Nursery Rhymes and popular topics in science and social studies. Searchable by keyword. There's more than enough here to be worth the \$20 annual payment requested from users to support the site even though no fees are required. grades prek-6
- <http://www.funbrain.com/kidscenter.html>
FunBrain: Kids Center.
Games and Quizzes in many areas: language arts, math, science, art, music, geography, history. Most will be of interest for grades 3-8, although there are a few can be played by a younger child working with someone to read the screens. grades k-10
- <http://funschool.kaboose.com/>
Funschool
Almost 200 games, both “edutainment” and pure arcade. Various puzzles and printables also. Easy to identify “Preschool” button for the youngest set, but they’ll need help navigating within that section. Click the “all games” button to browse by subject. Searchable by grade under the “Parents & Teachers” button. Labeled ad blocks throughout. grades preschool-6
- <http://www.earobics.com/gamegoo/gooylo.html>
GameGoo
Games that teach concepts of early learning. Audio to explain the play of each game. “Fun Goo” has just-fun activities to explore. grades k-2

- **<http://gamequarium.com/index.htm>**
Gamequarium.
Organizes links to online educational games and learning activities. Page opens with choices for prek-2, 3-6, or reading related prek-6 at the top. Reference tools in multiple subjects for students grades 3-6 follow in "Computer Lab for Kids" while there are separate sections for technology resources. Click the Searchquarium banner to search by grade level, subject area or technology topic. grades preschool-6
- **<http://www.ala.org/greatsites>**
Great Web Sites for Kids.
Find quality "safe" sites by clicking topical lists: animals, arts, history, literature, math, science, social sciences, reference. Each annotated site labeled as preschool, elementary, or middle school. Selected by a committee of the American Library Association. Link to site evaluation criteria. grades preschool-9
- **http://www.jayzebear.com/green_forest.html**
The Green Forest.
Games and activities in five sections by age of targeted user: age 2+, age 4+, age 6+, age 8+, age 9+. Nicely illustrated site with no advertising. Note that the stories in the bookcase are the same for all sections (read aloud for younger, independent reading for older). grades preschool-5
- **<http://www.ipl.org/div/kidspace/>**
★ *Internet Public Library Kidspace.*
Links to lots of fun and educational stuff to see and do: play math games, take a tour around the world, do some fun science experiments, or read some stories. Searchable. Maintained so links are current. grades 1-6
- **<http://www.jokesbykids.com/>**
Jokes By Kids.
Over 1000 kid-approved clean jokes. Kids are encouraged to submit their own. Good for a few-minute-fill or use in teaching internet skills lessons. Labeled ad column on each page. Searchable. grades 2-7
- **<http://www.uen.org/k-2interactives/index.shtml>**
K-2 Student Interactives
Select a category for links to popular interactive games. These games are available at other sites, but this is a clean, attractive selection page that makes a game easily accessible. Categories are ABC's reading, listening, writing, words, art/music, my world, math, brain games, health, just for fun. Some games require Flash. Note that the Search button applies to the entire site not this k-2 portion. grades k-2
- **<http://www.kids.gov/>**
Kids.gov.
Banner menu buttons for k-5, 6-8, educators, but there is almost nothing k-2. Each button has the same submenu of categories: arts, careers, computers, fun, government, health, math, money, science, social studies, state websites. Annotations are helpful but very few include an indication of the level. Formerly *FirstGov For Kids*. grades 3-8
- **<http://www.kidskonnnect.com/>**
KidsKonnnect.
Thousands of sites pre-screened by educators giving something for any grade. Browse alphabetical topic list or by topics grouped by subject. There are no annotations, so have to determine level somewhat by topic and title. Particularly strong in science and geography. No advertising once you have clicked on "Enter Center". Bee Tip: The Today Hooray topic will give you lots of interesting tidbits to counter the doldrums. grades 1-8

- <http://www.littleclickers.com/>
Little Clickers.
Thematic sets of links for students to explore and printables for teachers (pdf file). Maintenance is sporadic but basically an attractive site to trust. Selected by the Children's Software Review. grades 2-6
- <http://www.little-g.com/shockwave/loading.html>
Little Fingers Games.
Attractive games cover early learning skills from sorting by size to alphabet to clock and money. The menu of 23 games has annotations and suggested grade level. Requires Shockwave. grades preschool-3
- <http://www.mamamedia.com>
MaMaMedia.
Online games, activities, and digital tools, although some items may not work on all systems. Links to hundreds of safe websites selected by MaMaMedia editors. Grown-Ups section has activities for parent or teacher to do with a child. Site is free, but membership lets kids save, publish and e-mail their creations to friends, share ideas online, and enter contests. grades 3-6
- <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/kids>
NIEHS Kids' Pages.
Games, songs, riddles, jokes, story time, science activities, and coloring pages to do online or print. Most relate to health or science themes. Links. Searchable. English and Spanish. Bee Tip: Sing-Along Songs has a variety of pleasing music and even bird songs. Prepared and maintained by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. grades 1-8

Text Only Version Versión en Español Privacy, Copyrights, Disclaimers Contact NIEHS				NIEHS... What's that?  National Institutes of Health Department of Health & Human Services	
<p>"We are the environment." Charles Panati</p>					
Pandemic Flu. What Should I Do? Hurricane Katrina and the NIEHS Other Environmental Health Topics					
Games and Activities 		Sing-Along Songs or Guess this Tune! 		Brainteasers and Riddles 	
Story Time 		Color Our World 		Laugh It Up! (Humor/Jokes) 	
Environmental Health Science Education 		<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">SEARCH</div> the NIEHS Kids' Pages		Other Cool Links and Resources 	



Thank you for visiting our website. We hope you have done so with the help of a parent or teacher since that is the best way to safely explore the Internet (learn

- <http://www.oplin.org/ohkids/>
OH!Kids.
Kid-safe links to activities in WebTots (under 6), WebKids (ages 7-9), and WebTweens (ages 9-11). Searchable. Provided by the Ohio Public Library Information Network.

- **<http://www.pawisland.com>**
Paw Island.
 Click to explore the island or try the activities, games, or cartoons (online store page but is not available). Both online and printable activities. Some games require Shockwave and Flash. Bee Tip: At the bottom of the games page are "Searching Games" not generally found online. grades k-4
- **<http://pbskids.org/>**
 ☆ *PBS Kids.*
 Stories, games, printable pages, songs, and more; related to PBS program characters. Browse by type of activity or by program series title. Loads of fun even if you don't watch PBS. grades Preschool-3
- **<http://netrover.com/~kingskid/108.html>**
Room 108.
 Songs, art, math, kids games, children's stories and more. This site is owned and operated by John Rickey, a first grade teacher. Bee Tip: The "Writing" section isn't just writing as such, but includes alphabet, spelling, typing tutor, and child versions of hangman. grades k-5
- **<http://www.seussville.com/>**
Seussville.
 Lots of games for you to play, to keep you entertained all day.
 Requires Flash plug-in. Print-and-Play Activities use pdf file reader for printables to do later. Provide some guidance to younger or first-time users who can get frustrated by not knowing what to do, but let others experiment and explore. grades k-3
- **<http://www.usmint.gov/kids/>**
The US Mint's h.i.p. pocket change.
 Activities designed to create an interest not only in coins, but also in U.S. history. Includes information about the "new" coins and currency of other countries. Teacher can also access interdisciplinary lesson plans. grades 3-6
- **<http://kids.yahoo.com/>**
Yahoo! Kids
 Yahoo! Kids is the makeover of Yahoo!igans web directory. The directory can still be accessed by entering a keyword search or the StudyZone, but the emphasis is very much on fun and entertainment. Games, music, movies, jokes and sports are front and center. grades 3-7
- **<http://www.zeeks.com>**
Zeeks.
 Games, videos, and message boards. Select game by category: arcade, sports, mind games, board/card games, puzzles & mazes. Unlabeled ad frames can be confusing in the busy screen layout. Part of the Kaboose network. grades 4-8

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