

Internet Sites for Preschool

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Listings for uses of the Internet in the classroom at <http://www.merrybee.info/book.html>

- <http://www.lil-fingers.com/abc/intro.html>
ABC Mommy And Me. Type: mouse & click
Agile letter pairs maneuver onto the screen. Click to hear capital in adult voice and lower case in child voice. Click big arrow to go to next or previous letter. grades. preschool-k
- <http://www.123child.com/>
Activity Idea Place. Type: teaching preschool
Activities, articles, chat board. Each activity is described in a paragraph and many are illustrated. Activities are indexed in the areas of: animals, seasonal, self concepts, colors, food, months, and miscellaneous, with a section Just For Toddlers (includes 60 activity ideas).
grades: preschool
- <http://www.alfy.com/>
Alfy. Type: mouse & click
Variety of interactive stories, games, and activities for ages 3-8. Adult will need to identify the pages within the site that are appropriate for the child to do independently, and probably will want to bookmark specific activities. Depending on the activity, the preschooler may need initial supervision to recognize parts of the display screen that are not part of the activity. grades: pres-3
- <http://www.alphabet-soup.net/>
Alphabet Soup. Type: adult led
Thematic units with online and offline activities. The AlphaBites section has lots of ideas for teaching the letters of the alphabet. The kindergarten teacher who created the site uses banner ads to be able to offer all materials free except for a storybook and personalized letters. Teacher/Parent message board. grades: preschool-2
- <http://www.brainconnection.com/teasers/?main=bc/bear>
Bear Wear. Type: mouse & click
Once the adult has set up the game and given the on-screen instructions, then the child who is learning the sound-symbol relationships of letters can click through this game. Requires Macromedia Shockwave. Hint: bring the edges of the browser window in to the edge of the game area. grades: preschool-1
- <http://www.uptoten.com/kids/boowakwala-home.html>
Boowa & Kwala. Type: adult led
Over 400 games, song, stories and other activities. Icons indicate to the adult the skill development promoted by the activity and the level of adult participation needed. The child only needs to move the mouse for the simplest games. Additional features for adult and child with free registration for a User Account. Labeled ad sections. You may find yourself in the companion site for ages 6 to 10. grades: preschool-1
- <http://www.charlieandlola.com>
Charlie and Lola Type: mouse & click
Companion site for British TV series (Disney Channel in US) based on the books by Lauren Child. Child responds to spoken directions for activities by clicking the mouse. grades: preschool-1
- <http://chubbiecubbie.com/prekacts.htm>
Chubbie Cubbie's Preschool Activity Ideas. Type: teaching preschool
Alphabetical list of activity themes. Note that a listed title may have more than one activity described under it. Easy-to-read descriptions tell how to prepare and to carry out each activity. All listings in the Site Directory frame at the left lead away from this specific section and back to a main site that is quite commercial. grades: preschool

- http://www.inventionatplay.org/playhouse_cloud.html
Cloud Dreamer. Type: mouse & click
Click-and-drag on dots to create cloud shapes. grades: preschool
- <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/toddler/>
Crafts for Preschoolers and Kindergartners. Type: teaching preschool
Easy to follow directions for craft projects that include puppets, handprint projects, paper plate objects, and items to make from other easily found materials. grades: preschool-k
- <http://ecrp.uiuc.edu/>
Early Childhood Research & Practice. Type: teaching preschool
Peer-reviewed electronic journal published each spring and fall by the Early Childhood and Parenting (ECAP) Collaborative. For parents and teachers, covering the development and education of children from birth through age 8.
- <http://www.everythingpreschool.com/themes/index.htm>
Everything Preschool. Type: teaching preschool
Themed activities, songs, articles, project ideas, bulletin boards. Searchable. grades: preschool
- <http://www.first-school.ws/>
First-School. Type: teaching preschool
Activities, crafts, lesson plans, printables. Explore by themes and holidays or search by keyword. English and Spanish. Note the "How to use" suggestions on the entry page. grades: preschool-1
- <http://www.funbrain.com/cgi-bin/getskill.cgi?A1=gba&A2=6>
FUNBRAIN 6 & under. Type: adult led
Oddball (click which is different) and Pairs could be played by an adult and preschooler. Alphabetize for k. Addition and Vocabulary for grade 1. Measure It is above expectations for this level. grades: preschool-1
- <http://funschool.kaboose.com/preschool/games/index.html>
Funschool Preschool Activities. Type: mouse & click
57 games although not all will be appropriate for every preschooler. The adult needs to select an appropriate game and teach some ground rules. (1) Wait when the commercial is playing on the screen. (2) Only click in the game window part of the screen (surrounded by ads). (3) Use the reset and advance buttons. Navigation around this site can be really frustrating. The menu banner above the game window is NOT limited to this preschool level. grades: preschool-1
- <http://www.kidpsych.org/oochy.html>
Games for Children Ages 1 to 5. Type: adult led
Seven colorful games. Each has an "about this activity" button explaining the skills developed by the game. grades preschool-k, with access to more games for grades 1-3
- <http://www.healthychoices.org/treetop/index.html>
Good Food Climb. Type: teaching preschool
Nutrition teaching guides include background information and activities. Download reproducible pages and a parent brochure. Materials in English or Spanish. Provided by the growers of Washington state apples.
- <http://www.hummingbired.com/>
Hummingbird Educational Resources. Type: teaching preschool
Author Peggy Drake's resource pages for preschool and kindergarten teachers provide lesson plans, links to online resources, and a forum for posting comments or questions. grades: preschool-1
- <http://www.beartime.com/>
John and El's Bear Time. Type: adult led
Original stories, songs, and poems. Book reviews, coloring pages to print, crafts, (links page is outdated). Bear Time is not being added to currently, but it is an attractive site to explore together with original items you won't find elsewhere. Use with preschool through grade 1.

- <http://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc/>
Kids' CBC. Type: mouse & click
A Canadian produced site with contests open to regions in Canada, but activities and games for any preschooler. grade preschool
- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KinderKorner/>
Kinder Korner Mailing List. Type: teaching preschool
An active listserv for teachers of Pre-K through 2nd grade with 7,814 members.
- <http://www.kindersite.org/>
Kindersite. Type: mouse & click
Click on the "Directory" box to access game, song, and story links. Complete the free registration to search by age or type of content and create your own page of favorites that the child can play independently. Linked pages are from Starfall, Kidstime, BBC, ABC Australia and several other sites. Kindersite started adding content in Spanish December 2005. Search box near bottom of homepage is for articles and listings, not for the activities. grades: preschool-2

- <http://www.kinderstart.com/>
KinderStart. Type: teaching preschool
A search tool for parents and teachers of children birth through age 7. Consists of an indexed subject directory and keyword search engine targeting resources related to young children.



- <http://knowledgeloom.org/practices3.jsp?t=1&location=1&parentid=1029&bpinterid=1030&spotlightid=1029>
Knowledge Loom: Pre-Kindergarten. Type: teaching preschool
Research basis, policy, and resources in areas of literacy curriculum & instruction, professional development, and the literacy environments. Birth to age 4.
- <http://www.lil-fingers.com/>
Lil' Fingers Storybooks. Type: adult led
18 online storybooks for an adult and preschooler to click through & talk about, plus a set of single page rhyming stories based on an individual name. Online games, most requiring plugin. Pages to print & color. grades: preschool-2
- <http://www.kinderart.com/littles/litles.html#top>
Littles. Type: teaching preschool
Activity/lesson plans submitted by a teacher or parent. Topical listing includes content areas (alphabet, numbers, health) and process areas (cooperation, imagination, self-awareness). Each plan includes the skill/objective, materials needed, and the procedure. grades: preschool
- <http://www.nickjr.com/>
Nick Jr. & Parents. Type: adult led
Tucked in with information for the adult are activities for preschoolers: games, stories, printables, cards to send, and offline activities. grades: preschool-2

- <http://www.paulysplayhouse.com/>
Pauly's Playhouse. Type: mouse & click
Alphabet, number and arcade-style games; puzzles, coloring, cartoons. Several activities with a monsters theme. grades: preschool-1
- <http://pbskids.org/>
PBS Kids! Type: adult led
Select a PBS children's program for arts & crafts, music & movement, or language activities with its characters. While content is mostly appropriate for preschool and kindergarten, young children will need an adult to navigate through the site. grades: preschool-2
- <http://www.gigglepotz.com/special.htm>
Pre-school Ideas. Type: teaching preschool
Games, crafts, classroom management, and ideas for thematic units of study. grades: preschool
- <http://www.teachersandfamilies.com/open/ps-themes.html>
Preschool Activities. Type: teaching preschool
Organized by themes. Online and offline activities. Booklists. Several themes by holiday or season. grades: preschool-k
- <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/categories/preschool.shtml>
Preschool and Kindergarten Activities. Type: adult led
Rhymes, alphabet activities, pages to color online, printables (to color, to make booklets, activity sheets). You will click through to some pages and find that they are for members only, but there's plenty of free items to keep a child busy for hours. grades: preschool-2
- <http://www.preschooleducation.com/>
Preschool Education. Type: teaching preschool
Ideas for the preschool classroom: teaching the alphabet and math concepts, thematic topics, reviews, crafts, music, circletime, snacktime. Sign up for a free weekly newsletter or a variety of other mailing lists. Navigation can be tricky as the content you are seeking is in small print with a lot of other text on the page. grades: preschool-k
- <http://www.storyplace.org/preschool/preschool.asp>
Preschool Library. Type: mouse & click
Fifteen themes, each with a colorful animated online story and a correlated online activity. Audio for story narration and activity directions. For the adult working with the child there are activities to do offline, and a reading list of books on the theme. grades: preschool-k

Theme	On-line Story	On-line Activity	Take-home Activity	Suggested Reading	Parent's Activity
Animals	Morris' Special Day	Who Am I?	Mouse Mask	Animals Reading List	Animals / Animateles
Babies	Five Little Babies	Find the Baby	Baby Rattle	Junior's Reading List	Babies
Bath Time	I Will Not Take a Bath	It's Bath Time!	Duck Water Scoop	Bath Time Reading List	Bathtime
Colors	Color the Rainbow	What Color Is It?	Color Concentration	Freda's Reading List	Colors

- **<http://www.preschoolprintables.com/>**
Preschool Printables. Type: teaching preschool
 Select and print: awards and certificates, calendars, planning pages, writing paper, puppets, as well as games and more. A specialized sister site to *Preschool Education*. grades: preschool-k
- **<http://www.preschoolrainbow.org/>**
Preschool Rainbow. Type: teaching preschool
 Activities and lesson plans designed to give preschool children choices. Themes that enrich classroom curriculum include seasons, alphabet, number, five senses, books, and more. Do-at-home activities to suggest to parents. Searchable. grades: preschool-k
- **<http://www.sesameworkshop.org/sesamestreet/>**
Sesame Street Workshop. Type: adult led
 Games, stories, coloring pages, and a variety of activities for preschool; also kindergarten and first grade.
- **<http://www.kidsnook.com>**
Smart Baby. Type: mouse & click
 Adult will have to scroll down the entry page to the section "Free infant stimulation eFlashcards", select the desired set, and show how to advance the program. After this introduction, the preschooler can work independently on letters or words. A few sets have audio. grades: preschool-k
- **<http://www.teachers.net/cgi-bin/lessons/sort.cgi?searchterm=Pre-school>**
Teachers.Net - Pre-school. Type: teaching preschool
 About 240 lesson plans submitted by teachers. grades: preschool
- **<http://www.thisisdanielcook.com/>**
This Is Daniel Cook. Type: mouse & click
 Daniel's playroom has activities that include creating a story, creating music, drawing, taking a picture, solving a puzzle, or just playing with animated toys. Site is companion to a Canadian television series, but stands alone for preschool play. grades: preschool-k
- **<http://curry.edschool.virginia.edu/go/wil/home.html>**
Webbing Into Literacy. Type: teaching preschool
 Designed to provide a program of developmentally appropriate instruction and downloadable resources for Head Start teachers and parents of young children. grades: preschool

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