

Early Learning tools, programs, and inspiration to help your Pre-K learners succeed in school and in life.



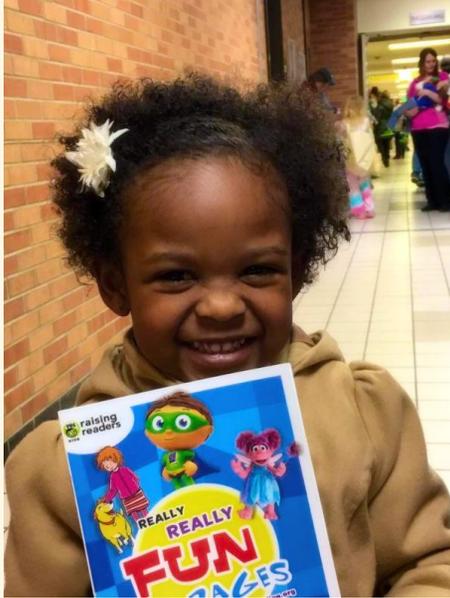
EDUCATION SERVICES

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Kids and parents reached for the stars (of Prairie Public/PBS) at MSUM Planetarium event

Hundreds of kids and parents spent a Saturday afternoon with Clifford, Big Bird, and the Prairie Public crew Jan. 30 when they flocked to MSUM to watch the "Stars of PBS/One World,



One Sky" show at the MSUM Planetarium.

About 600 kids and their parents got to catch showings of "One World, One Sky," a Sesame-produced show that introduces kids to constellations and astronomy; catch a sneak preview of the new PBS KIDS series, [Ready Jet Go!](#) (read all about him below), and play learning games on Prairie Public's hands-on mobile lab. They also picked up PBS stickers and resources; watched science demonstrations by MSUM students, and - of course - enjoyed photo opps with the one-and-only [Clifford, the Big Red Dog](#).

See more images [HERE](#).

NEW from PBS ...



For ages 3-8:

Let's get READY ... get **JET ... GOOOOOO!**

Onward and upward!

A new PBS KIDS series, **Ready Jet Go!** follows new kid in town Jet ... who just

happens to be an alien from outer space. With his Earth friends Sean and Sydney, Jet goes on astronomical adventures, learning about Earth and space science along the way.

Premiere: President's Day, Feb. 15, 6:30 am and 3 pm.

Catch
a Jet preview.



From Kratts to kindness: New apps, club help kids build life skills

Ages 2-4:

Daniel Tiger app helps with potty training

When Daniel Tiger speaks, kids listen.

So you'll want to keep an eye out for Daniel's latest interactive, the "Stop and Go Potty" app.

Based on the popular "Stop & Go Potty" strategy song and corresponding potty training episodes, this app will encourage kids to practice bathroom and hand-washing routines while on a play date with Daniel and Katerina Kittycat.

Video clips from the potty training episodes will also be available. Price is \$2.99.

It's available now at the [App Store](#), and will be available for Android soon.

Ages 3 to 6:

Sesame club encourages kind acts

Who better to teach kids to be kind than Elmo and the gang?

Sesame Street's "Everyday Heroes Club" is a new initiative that encourages children to practice

kindness ever day. No cape needed, but a "please" or "thank you" is always appreciated!



Learn more.



Ages 3 to 8:

Kratts' app helps kids learn about care of baby animals

Creators of the popular PBS KIDS series, **Wild Kratts** have introduced a new app called "Baby Buddies."

The game teaches kids about baby animals and how to care for them.

It's available for \$1.99 from [iTunes](#), [Google Play](#), and [Amazon](#).

Find all
our apps.



What the education world is talking about ...

Screen time: How much is too much?

From NPR

We know screen time can be an engaging and effective way to help little ones learn.

But, as in all things, balance is key. How much time

should young learners spend on mobile devices?

Current recommendations are to avoid all screens for children under 2, and to allow a maximum of two hours per day of high-quality material for older children.

But the American Academy of Pediatrics plans to release updated guidelines on this topic in October 2016. An AAP spokesperson says that while the group understands the role of digital devices, they do not support their "wholesale adoption."



[Read more HERE.](#)

Tots recognize words as symbols long before learning ABCs



From the Associated Press

Celebrate your child's scribbles. A novel experiment shows that even before learning their ABCs, youngsters start to recognize that a written word symbolizes language in a way a drawing doesn't - and that's a big developmental step on the path to reading. [Read more HERE.](#)



Catch our big **BLUE** van ... if you can!

Last year, the busy team in Education Services logged 22,000 miles bringing literacy events, trainings, and PBS resources to people across North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota.

This year, we're also on the move.

If you see our big, blue van - bedecked with some of PBS KIDS' most beloved characters - mention #catchthebigbluevan and @PrairiePublicED [on Twitter](#) or join our [Instagram](#), post a van pic and #catchthebigbluevan to our page, and we'll enter you in a drawing for a \$25 gift card!

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