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It’s adventure time with the AETN KIDS CLUB!

Join AETN and PBS KIDS for fun and excitement as we explore the world. This booklet is part of AETN’s early childhood learning initiative to prepare children for success in school and life. Working together, AETN, PBS KIDS and ArkansasIDEAS are offering free resources to the children, families and educators of Arkansas.

Each week, AETN airs a schedule full of great programs, including "Arthur," "Super Why!," "Peg + Cat," "Nature Cat," "Curious George," "Odd Squad" and many others. Watch for new programs as we work to bring you the best in educational media.

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We hope this booklet sparks a love for learning and exploring as you embark on your own adventure to discover your world. Stay tuned to AETN and PBS KIDS for more fun, educational opportunities.

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Hi Neighbor!

Your neighborhood is your child’s first place to explore and call home. Help your child become familiar with the people, places and things in your neighborhood by talking about the things you see every day. Use this scavenger hunt to get to know your neighbors, and your neighborhood, a little better.

How many items can you find?

- An insect
- A stop sign
- A flower pot with flowers
- A house or apartment with red shutters or a red door
- A bicycle or tricycle
- A U.S. mail box
- Leaves from three (3) different trees
- A newspaper
- A neighbor whose name starts with the letter “D”

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Arthur’s Green Thumb: Planter Label Worksheet

Create labels for your new garden planters!

Directions

1. Using the boxes below, create labels for your new plants. You can write your name, the type of plant, and color the label!
2. Cut out the label, and tape it onto the outside of your planter!

Your Name

Plant Name

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Arthur’s Green Thumb

Encourage your child to have a green thumb! In this activity, children have the chance to grow beans from the ground up and create their very own garden.

Materials
1. beans (pole, lima, or snap beans are easy to grow)
2. fork
3. marker
4. masking tape
5. old soup cans (for planters)
6. potting soil
7. gravel or pebbles
8. Arthur’s Green Thumb: Planter Label Worksheet

Directions
Grow and care for plants with your children.

1. Prepare: Soak the beans overnight so they will grow faster.
2. Plant: Talk with your children about plants, explaining that plants need water and light to live. Help each child fill a can no more than ¼ full with a small amount of gravel or small pebbles. Then fill each can no more than ¾ full with potting soil. Plant the beans that have been soaked overnight under a shallow layer of dirt (one or two beans per can). Children can make labels for their planters using the Arthur’s Green Thumb: Planter Label Worksheet. Place the cans in a sunny area.
3. Nurture: Show children how to water their beans every day or two so that the soil is moist but not wet, and discuss how the plants change as they grow.

Take It Further
Teach your child how to be good to the environment by playing Groovy Garden!
This game will teach your child little tips and tricks that will help them be greener in their daily routine.

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Go on a Hike with George

Using the compass, help George decide which direction he should go. Then circle the correct answer in the box below.

1. To visit the moose, George should travel: **north** or **south**

2. To see the lake, George should go: **east** or **west**

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Curious George has packed your bag. Can you name each item in the suitcase and what it is used for?
Puppet Pals

Play acting is a fun way to use your imagination and explore new words! Using these finger puppets, make up an adventure for Sally, the Cat and Things One and Two! Where will they go? What will they explore? Can you use some of the Cat in the Hat’s favorite words like “thinga-ma-jigger,” “hat,” “soar,” “play,” and “hooray!”

The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That!

First, color your puppet pals. Then have an adult cut them out along the dotted lines. Finally, wrap the tab around a finger, and secure with tape.

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Can you find the secret message? Solve the equations at the left, and then insert the letter that matches the number using the Code Key at the bottom of the page. Once you’re done you should have a secret message from PBS KIDS!

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Dinosaurs from A to Z

Color in the alphabet, and circle the letters that spell your name. Then write your name in the space provided.

Name: ___________________________________________________________________

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Nature Treasure Hunt

(Note: Draw the answers to the questions on this page, or have an adult or older child help.)

Name: ________________________________

Find 2 different kinds of plants. Draw a picture of each one below. Pay attention to the shapes of leaves and colors of any flowers.

**Plants I Found**

Find 2 different kinds of animals. Draw a picture of each one below. Show as many details as you can.

**Animals I Found**

What is a question you have about one of your animals?

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You can make your very own bird feeder that’s so delicious birds will eat it up. That’s why it’s Nature Cat’s Edible Bird Feeder! Follow the steps below, and observe what happens!

**What to do:**

1. **Select a bird feeder base:**
   Pine cones are a popular foundation for a bird feeder, but you may also use an empty paper towel roll or a stale piece of bread.

2. **Make it sticky:**
   Coat the base with peanut butter. If you know someone who has peanut allergies, use honey instead.

3. **Add some goodies:**
   Roll the feeder in raisins, cranberries, unsalted and unbuttered popcorn, sunflower seeds, shelled plain peanuts or mixed bird seed.

4. **String it up:**
   Run a wire, dental floss or cotton string through your bird feeder. Secure the two ends together to make a loop.

4. **Hang it up:**
   Place your bird feeder on a hook or on a tree branch outside your window. Discover which birds are popular in your neighborhood, research what they like to eat and make a bird feeder for them.

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Take Nature Cat on adventures with you!

Color in Nature Cat, then safely cut along the dotted lines with scissors, and glue or tape the cutout to a popsicle stick, straw, or tree branch. Now you’re ready to explore! Nature Cat and his friends love to play outside.
Missing in My Room!

Cat and I have soooo much cool stuff. We never get tired of playing with it. The only problem is, we can never find it all! Help Cat and me keep track of some of our coolest stuff. As you find things, number them so we can find them easily. Then color in Cat and me relaxing in my room.

1 stegosaurus 4 pyramids 1 horse
3 baseballs 1 number 5 4 crayons 1 number 7

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Missing in Mathtropolis!

Peg and Cat want to keep Mathtropolis safe, but they can’t find everything! Help them find the missing items. As you find them, color them in. Then count them out loud to make sure you have them all. When you’ve found everything on the list, it’s time to color the town!

3 lamp posts  1 rainbow  7 trees
2 donuts  1 pair of scissors  4 birds  10 triangles

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Princess Presto Name Game

Help Princess Presto spell your name. First, color in the letters of the alphabet. Then, circle all of the letters in your name. Finally, write your name on the line below.

A B C D E F G
H I J K L M N O
P Q R S T U V
W X Y Z

Name

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Super Why... to the rescue!

Look at the picture, and say what it is out loud. Then circle the letter that makes the sound that picture starts with.

B Z P
J M G
M R C
I B H
S D R
G W N

Answers - Top Row: Pilot, Map | Middle Row: Camera, Bag | Bottom Row: Sun, Window

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Help WordGirl complete the puzzle below by filling out the words that correspond with the clues below.

**ACROSS**

Antonyms are words that mean the opposite of other words. For example, “big” is an antonym for “little.”

1. Departure
2. Murky
3. Morning
4. Cloudy

**DOWN**

Synonyms are words that mean the same thing as another word. For example, “giant” is a synonym for “huge.”

1. Light wind
2. Pal
3. Suitcase
4. Enormous

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Parents, create a reading list by asking your child to come up with some topics and types of stories that interest them. When you get to the library, ask your librarian to help you find books based on your list. Since you can’t take all the books home now, work with your child to make a list of books that you want to come back and check out another day.

I’m interested in learning more about topics like:

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I’m interested in genres like:

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My reading list:

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Genres:

(A genre is a category or type of literature.)

Drama: A drama usually refers to a serious story.

Comedy: A comedy usually refers to a funny story.

Poetry: Poems tell a story or describe a person, place, thing or idea. Poems are usually shorter than stories and often rhyme.

Science-fiction: Science-fiction stories are imaginary stories that often take place in the future or in space.

Biography: Biographies are true stories about real people.

Non-fiction: Non-fiction books are about something that really happened. Non-fiction can be about the past (history) or the present.

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Wild Kratts Wildlife Journal

Keeping a wildlife journal is a great way to build both observation and writing skills. You don’t have to go far – you’d be surprised what is going on just outside your front door!

Directions

Creating the Journal:
(You may want to ask an adult for some help.)

1. Fold several sheets of paper in half so that you create a booklet.
2. Bind the pages of your book by punching holes along the left side and tying them together with ribbon or string. Or, unfold the booklet, and staple along the fold.
3. Customize the journal by creating an illustration on the cover.

Using the Journal:

1. Write the day’s date.
2. Go outside and walk in your yard, along your street, or in a nearby park, and take notice of what you see.
   - Did you see any animals? Birds? Insects?
   - Where are they living?
   - What are they doing?
   - How many are there?
   - What time of day is it?
3. Write down notes or sketch a picture in your journal, so that you have a record of the thing you saw.
4. After a few entries, take a look back at the things you saw. How were things different each time? What was the same?

Materials
- Several sheets of unlined paper
- Hole punch or stapler for binding
- Ribbon or string to bind
- Markers, pencils or crayons

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Wild Kratts Wildlife Journal

What I Observed

Nature Notes

Date ________________________
Location ____________________

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Wild Kratts Wet and Wild Word Find

Search across, down or at a diagonal to find the hidden words.

Words:
Chris  Lizard  Platypus  Tide
Martin  Water  Submarine  Pool
Eggs  Guppy  Beaver  Bass
Whale  Island  Ecosystem  Eel
Squid  Marsh  Turtle  Rain

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