

# Internet Resources for Children

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**A**lthough there are many educational Web sites on the Internet that are great for children in elementary and middle school, finding them can often be difficult. Offering a sampling of such sites, this *ERIC Web Links* describes more than fifty that will be of special interest to children in grades K-8, teachers, parents and librarians during the 2001-2002 school year and beyond.\*

## Collections of Sites

- ▶ **Berit's Best Sites for Children**  
Compiled by a librarian, this is one of the oldest and most reliable lists of sites for children in primary grades.  
<http://www.beritsbest.com>
- ▶ **BJ Pinchbeck's Homework Helper**  
Compiled by a middle school student who understands the reference needs of his fellow students.  
<http://school.discovery.com/homeworkhelp/bjpinchbeck/index.html>
- ▶ **Kathy Schrock's Guide for Educators**  
A popular site for teachers. Compiled by a school librarian who has also created a collection for students.  
<http://school.discovery.com/schrockguide/>
- ▶ **Kid Info/School Subjects**  
Another student-created site. Arranged by subject area and linked to many of the best educational sites online.  
[http://www.kidinfo.com/School\\_Subjects.html](http://www.kidinfo.com/School_Subjects.html)
- ▶ **PBS TeacherSource**  
Sites selected for curriculum content, arranged by subject areas.  
<http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/recommended/index.shtm>
- ▶ **700+ Great Sites from ALA**  
Compiled by members of the American Library Association for students, teachers, librarians, and parents.  
<http://www.ala.org/parentspage/greatsites/>

## Art

- ▶ **Artchive**  
An impressive group of Web sites and book suggestions for artists and schools of art including Impressionism, Cubism, Photography, and Abstract Expressionism. Try one of the tours.  
<http://artchive.com/core.html>

## Current Events

- ▶ **CNN Interactive**  
Read the latest news. Search the archives for information about past events. Choose links to top stories, hot topics, sports, weather, and more.  
<http://cnn.com/index.html>

## Health

- ▶ **Centers for Disease Control**  
Health and disease topics A to Z.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/health/diseases.htm>
- ▶ **Healthfinder**  
Gateway to U. S. Department of Health and Human Services. The hot topics are especially useful.  
<http://www.healthfinder.gov/>
- ▶ **HealthWeb**  
Provides links to non-commercial Web sites on specific health topics, evaluated and selected by health sciences librarians.  
<http://healthweb.org>
- ▶ **Partnership for a Drug-Free America**  
Accurate, authoritative resources for information about illegal drugs and their consequences.  
<http://www.drugfreeamerica.org/>

## History/Social Studies

- ▶ **American Civil War Homepage**  
This collection of online resources about the Civil War includes graphics, letters, information about specific battles, and more.  
<http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/warweb.html>
- ▶ **American Memory from the Library of Congress**  
Browse or search for events, people, places, or time periods in American history. Includes rich visual resources.  
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amhome.html>

- ▶ **Ancient World Web**  
Collection of links to sites about ancient civilizations, including Aztec and Egyptian. Search by geographical area or subject.  
<http://www.julen.net/ancient/>
- ▶ **CIA World Factbook**  
This site, updated every year, is one of the most authoritative sites about countries of the world.  
<http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>
- ▶ **Encyclopedia Mythica**  
Mythology and folklore collection. Contains over 4,000 definitions of gods and goddesses, supernatural beings, and legendary creatures and monsters from all over the world.  
<http://www.pantheon.org/mythica/>
- ▶ **POTUS**  
(Presidents of the United States)  
The Internet Public Library's collection of information about United States presidents. Includes election results, cabinet members, and other presidential facts.  
<http://www.ipl.org/ref/POTUS/>
- ▶ **AnyDay-in-History**  
Find out what happened on a particular day in history.  
<http://www.scopesys.com/today/>
- ▶ **White House for Kids**  
Biographies of U. S. presidents and first families, press releases, and hot topics.  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/kids/>
- ▶ **50 States of the United States**  
Facts about all U.S. states including mottos, flags, and songs.  
<http://www.50states.com/>

## Literature

- ▶ **Children's Literature Web Guide**  
Information about book awards, authors, and illustrators.  
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/>
- ▶ **Vandergrift's Children's Literature Page**  
One-stop shopping for information about authors and illustrators.  
<http://www.scils.rutgers.edu/special/kay/ChildrenLit/childlit.html>

## Math

- ▶ **Math Forum**  
The best collection of online math-related materials. Check for math resources by subject for your special interest. Search the archives to see if your question has already been answered. Special sections for students and for teachers.  
<http://forum.swarthmore.edu/>

## Science

- ▶ **Ask-a-Scientist Archive**  
The information found in this archive is outstanding. Covers many science topics, including astronomy, biology and chemistry.  
<http://newton.dep.anl.gov/archive.htm>
- ▶ **Encyclopedia Smithsonian**  
Images and information about the solar system, planets and their moons, and other celestial systems.  
<http://seds.lpl.arizona.edu/nineplanets/nineplanets/>
- ▶ **How Things Work**  
A physics professor's compilation of his students' frequently asked questions. A rich resource for students explaining why and how things work.  
<http://rabi.phys.virginia.edu/HTW/>
- ▶ **MAD Scientist Network**  
Great "library" collections. Search the archives for previously asked questions. Try the labs!  
<http://www.madsci.org/>
- ▶ **NASA**  
Visit this site when you have a question or research topic about space. Link to pages about Mars, the space shuttle, and the MIR space station. Search NASA's hot topics.  
<http://www.nasa.gov/>
- ▶ **Neuroscience for Kids**  
Resources about the brain and spinal cord. Written with kids in mind.  
<http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/neurok.html>
- ▶ **Periodic Table of the Elements**  
Los Alamos National Lab provides chemical information including uses, sources, and history of elements.  
<http://pearl1.lanl.gov/periodic/>
- ▶ **Science Fair Project Guide**  
A collection of sites, resources, and project ideas for science fairs from the Internet Public Library.  
<http://www.ipl.org/youth/projectguide/>
- ▶ **Sea World/Busch Gardens Animal Resources**  
Animal Information Database. Presents reliable information about marine and land animals and conservation.  
<http://www.seaworld.org/infobook.html>
- ▶ **Smithsonian Institution Frequently-Asked Questions**  
Provides the answers to students' questions about common research topics, including science and social science.  
<http://www.si.edu/resource/faq/start.htm>

- ▶ **United States Geological Survey**  
News, fact sheets, and other resources about biology, geology, mapping and water.  
<http://info.er.usgs.gov/>
- ▶ **Volcano World**  
The best resource for volcano information on the Web. Images, answers to questions, and factual data from real volcanologists. Written for students and teachers.  
<http://volcano.und.nodak.edu/>



## Reference

- ▶ **AskA+ Locator**  
Need to find an expert on a particular subject? The AskA+Locator will allow you to search for experts by subject area and grade level.  
<http://www.vrd.org/locator/subject.shtml>
- ▶ **Atlapeia Online**  
Contains full-color physical and political maps as well as key facts and statistics about countries of the world.  
<http://www.atlapeia.com/index.html>
- ▶ **Biography**  
Provides biographies of over 20,000 notable people. Uses the Cambridge Encyclopedia Database and the Cambridge Dictionary of American Biography.  
<http://www.biography.com/>
- ▶ **Britannica Online**  
Online encyclopedia information as well as links to selected Web sites.  
<http://www.eb.com:180/>
- ▶ **"Do We Really Know Dewey?"**  
This ThinkQuest winning site assists with learning the Dewey Decimal System and includes quizzes. Made for kids, by kids.  
<http://tqjunior.thinkquest.org/5002/>
- ▶ **Encarta Online**  
A concise version of Encarta's CD-ROM. Includes short encyclopedia articles and hot topics.  
<http://encarta.msn.com/EncartaHome.asp>
- ▶ **Fact Monster**  
Ready reference combination. Includes Information Please Almanac, Columbia Encyclopedia, and Random House Webster's College Dictionary.  
<http://www.factmonster.com/>
- ▶ **Occupational Outlook Handbook**  
Includes the education requirements, job outlook, working conditions, and earnings for hundreds of careers.  
<http://www.umsl.edu/services/govdocs/ooh20002001/1.htm>
- ▶ **Research and Web Citations from Nueva School**  
Helps students with the research process, learn how to create bibliographies and how to use search engines effectively.  
<http://www.nueva.pvt.k12.ca.us/~debbie/library/research/research.html>

## Search Directories for Kids

- ▶ **CyberBee**  
Information on new sites for kids from *MultiMedia Schools*.  
<http://www.infoday.com/MMSchools/MMStocs/MMScybertoc.html>
- ▶ **CyberDewey**  
A hotlist of Internet sites organized using Dewey Decimal Classification codes.  
<http://www.anthus.com/CyberDewey/CyberDewey.html>
- ▶ **KidsClick!**  
Web search for kids by librarians.  
<http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/KidsClick!/>
- ▶ **School Library Journal: Surf For**  
A thematic guide to Internet sites.  
<http://www.slj.com/articles/surffor/surfforarchive.asp>
- ▶ **Yahooligans! The Web Guide for Kids**  
A Web guide for kids from Yahoo.  
<http://www.yahooligans.com/>

## Electronic Postings of New Sites for Kids

- ▶ **Blue Web'n**  
<http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/bluewebn>
- ▶ **Internet Detectives**  
<http://www.madison.k12.wi.us/tnl/detectives/>

## Books with Web Sites for Kids

- ▶ *The Internet Resource Directory for K-12 Teachers and Librarians*, by Elizabeth B. Miller. Englewood, CO: Libraries Unlimited, 2000.
- ▶ *Net-mom's Internet Kids and Family Yellow Pages*, 6th ed., by Polly Jean Armor. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2001.  
<http://www.netmom.org/>

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