

High Quality Internet Resources for Early Childhood Students

1. Count us In <http://www.abc.net.au/countusin/games.htm>

15 interactive games which teach math skills. Can download each to your computer so students can play offline. Students need basic computer skills – mouse click and drag, keyboard. Game 15 Volume The player has to judge the volume of different vessels. Game 12 - Chance Objective: The player has to guess which box contains the surprise star. Game 1 - Sheep Counting Objective: The player has to move the sheep from left to right until there are the same number of sheep in each paddock. There are lots of different ways the player can do this, over and over again (teaches number representation) .

2. BBC

Songs (audio) singalong <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/singasong/> Good ones include: Bedtime Song, Spring Time Song, Toothbrush song – these are all videos.

Interactive songs allow students to click on drums, tambourines and other instruments and play along with the music: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/singasong/jukebox.shtml> My favorite - Koala Brothers: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/singasong/jukebox.shtml> under Karoke

Musical instruments, animals, movement A game which teaches names of animals, musical instruments and movements. Student picks animal, instrument and movement and watches and listens to the results: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/funandgames/makemunchmovemachine/index.shtml>

The recipe game teaches foods (need to drag with mouse)

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Audio stories – some interactive – need to click – my favorite – Princess and the Pea
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/tweenies/storytime/stories/viewall.shtml>

3. CBC Kids Literacy skills– <http://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc/> Princess Patty's post office – write a letter. Audio instructions no reading needed. Coloring (Art machine), Sticker Park Explorer, pond, woods, and more.

4. Starfall <http://www.starfall.com/> Gingerbread – colors, shapes (rectangles, circles, spheres) Earth Day – recycling. Pumpkin – shapes – good audio with these. <http://www.starfall.com/n/level-k/index/load.htm?f> is all letter sounds.

5. Literacy Center http://www.literacycenter.net/lessonview_en.htm# Click on Parents & Teachers tab to show list of all the lessons and printable worksheets. I like Colors, writing and numbers and shapes – really good! There are 8 different activities to learn numbers.

6. PBS Kids <http://pbskids.org/boohbah/boohbah.html> Movement, sounds, feel good. Click on Parents and Teachers to read the educational aspect- student just like these activities. Can work independently. Discovery learning – click and explore. No words or instructions. Part of the wonderful

<http://pbskids.org/> site. Also excellent - <http://pbskids.org/lions/games/> a PBS site with fun games. Some too hard and require reading skills, but Pounce and A.B. Cow are fun. Pounce teaches words and sounds, A.B. Cow teaches keyboarding and alphabet skills (need to know their letters). Stories do not have audio.

7. Sesame Street <http://www.sesameworkshop.org/sesamestreet/> stories with audio, games arranged by learning task. Tons of great activities. 9 characters, 4-9 activities for each – a rich site good for hours of fun and learning. Great
<http://www.sesameworkshop.org/sesamestreet/games/flash.php?contentId=12529198> story in Elmo's classroom.

8. Noggin <http://www.noggin.com/games/index.php> site for preschoolers – Pinky's word game, create a story with 64 Zoo Street, make a video, play an ABC game, get ingredients for a salad, counting, who has more – great site.

9. Little G <http://little-g.com/shockwave/loading.html> 20+ games for preschoolers teach math, counting, money, sorting, matching, create a story, learn about tolerance, and more. Some students will need help with at first. All short and simple one concept games.

10. Scholastic <http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/bl/> Students visit museums, aquariums, the airport, zoo, garden and other places and identify what is found in each place. Good audio instructions – can use this independently.

11. Game Goo <http://www.cogcon.com/gamegoo/gooney.html> GameGoo: Learning That Sticks lots of activities with audio instructions so students can work independently. Several levels including beginning. Teaches such as alphabetic order, letter recognition, letter-sound correspondence, and spelling. Good ones - Tina's World Real or Make-believe.

12. Get Ready to Read <http://www.getreadytoread.org/content/view/101/317/> really good video/audio stories with interactivity built in.

13. Primary Games <http://www.primarygames.com/games.htm> a hundred or more games which teach math, math, science, language arts, social studies, and more. Will need help until they find a few favorites they can navigate to.

14. Jigzone <http://www.jigzone.com/g.php?AD20D4A.92B825&z=6&v=164438> wonderful site with dozens of puzzles – builds mouse skills.

15. Meddybumps <http://www.meddybemps.com/preschool.html> games and activities to teach counting, sorting, fine motor skills, color, social and emotional skills, matching, observation and discussion. <http://www.meddybemps.com/letterary/index.html> is Chateau Meddybemps: Fun With Letters – a site highly rated by the International Reading Association. Not an independent site.

16. Candle Light Stories <http://www.candlelightstories.com/Movies.asp> short story telling movies for kids. This site has audio and text (no pictures) from a lot of stories:
<http://www.lightupyourbrain.com/stories.html>

17. Boowakwala <http://www.boowakwala.com/> Overwhelming in its riches – I like this one: <http://www.uptoten.com/kids/boowakwala-adventures-ducks-ducksong.html> 400+ games and new ones each day. Sorting games – choose from 11 – Birds on a Wire – harder – shells easy <http://www.uptoten.com/kids/boowakwala-navigation-gamesindex.html>

18. Nick Jr. http://www.nickjr.com/kids/flash_site/index.jhtml Problem solving role playing games, stories, lots here. Dora the Explorer, Dora's fairy Tale – takes awhile to load - click twice - http://www.nickjr.com/playtime/cats/stories/all_stories/dora_fairytale.jhtml interactive with audio instructions and little games to play.

19. Kid's Space <http://www.kids-space.org/HPT/menu.html> You can record sounds by clicking on the Record button and then objects or animals in the picture and then click on Play to hear your creation. Ex. Sounds of the Street <http://www.kids-space.org/HPT/2/21.html>

20. Fun with Spot <http://www.funwithspot.com/house.asp?locale=US> – Eric Hill books – two animated books. Matching farm animas game, send a postcard (with help) from the beach – lots to do! Spot Digs a Hole - <http://www.funwithspot.com/bsPages.asp?menuCode=BS&subMenuCode=BK>

21. Play Kid's Games <http://www.playkidsgames.com/> Math, alphabet, vocabulary, memory, geography and puzzle games. Whack the mole alphabet game is fun – have to whack the letters held by moles in order. <http://www.playkidsgames.com/games/wam/default.htm>

22. Thomas and Friends http://www.thomasandfriends.com/usa/thomas_the_tank_official_us_website_intro.htm Thomas and friends website. Building games, puzzles, memory games. Build an engine fun or Building game (Legos): <http://www.thomasandfriends.com/usa/building.html> Some games have written instructions – students may need help at first.

23. Kids Psych Kind of fun but may get boring after once through – matching, shapes and more <http://www.kidspsych.org/oochy2.html>

24. Audio Picture books – illustrated with printed and audio words.

The brave and Bold Little Squirrel <http://www.incwell.com/Fiction/Kids/Brave/index.html>

A walk in the woods: <http://www.incwell.com/Fiction/Kids/Woods/index.html>

Three Tiger Aki books http://www.asiabigtime.com/storybooks/aki_menu.html

25. Mighty Books Sing alongs, books and stories, games and more. – audio stories – the word is highlighted in red as it is said aloud The Muffin Man (under Free Stories and Songs) (Hit Stop twice) http://www.mightybook.com/MightyBook_free/free_index.html

26. Kiddles <http://www.kididdles.com/lyrics/subject.html> song lyrics and instrumental music for many songs

27. Sing along and play musical instruments: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/singasong/jukebox.shtml>

28. Blind or visually impaired stories and games:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/tweenies/storytime/stories/debbieduck/>

29. Surf the net with kids <http://www.surfnetkids.com/> – great sites – tons there.

30. Classic Sites:

EduPuppy <http://www.edupuppy.com>

Mister Rogers Neighborhood <http://pbskids.org/rogers/>

Playhouse Disney <http://disney.go.com/playhouse/today/index.html>

Teletubbies <http://pbskids.org/teletubbies/teletubbyland.html>

You may wish to create shortcuts to your students' favorite sites on the desktop of the computers they use. This is the simplest way to create links to selected sites, and all students have to do is double click on the shortcut to go to the website. All you have to do is create the shortcut to web pages, (in Internet Explorer with the page showing, choose File, Send, Shortcut to Desktop), and then rename the shortcut and drag it wherever you want it on the desktop. You can change the icon on the shortcut; just right click and choose Properties, Change Icon and choose the one you want. Figure 2 shows a desktop with shortcuts to favorite student sites. Note that you can put instructions or reminders in the name if you like; I use these to remind me of good activities on the site.

Figure 1 Desktop with Customized Shortcuts to selected Early Childhood web sites

