

Expert Picks...The Coolest Sites for Kids

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What are some of your favorite web sites? We asked this question to a group of researchers and designers (from the CHI-KIDS listserv). We tested their recommendations, and chose six to share with you. Try them out at www.littleclickers.com.

Some of these sites require a current browser with shockwave.

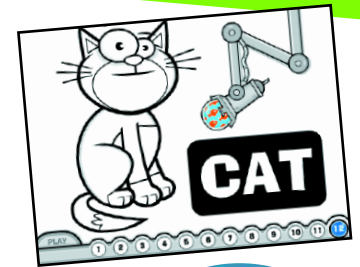
Backyard Jungle www.backyardjungle.org

What surprises are there in your backyard? At this site, you can share your discoveries by uploading pictures of the things you find. Suggested by Jennifer Borse of Rockman (et al) as an example of how kids can share information. Best for ages 6-up.



cbc.ca/kids <http://www.cbc.ca/kids>

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has a good site for kids, with with some well designed learning activities. Suggested by Marilyn MacPherson of the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies.



Make A Flake <http://www.snowflake.lookandfeel.com>

Now this is cool. Make your own virtual paper snowflakes, by cutting out patterns to see designs. Suggested by Scott Traylor of 360KID.



Sparktop.com <http://www.sparktop.com>

If you have been diagnosed with a learning difficulty, like dyslexia or ADHD, this site is for you. You'll find games, activities, homework tips, and stories of other kids who have the same problems.

Suggested by Jennifer Waits of Schwab Learning.

Virtual Knee Surgery <http://www.edheads.org/activities/knee>

How'd you like to find yourself in a hospital operating room, as the (gulp) doctor? The guided tutorial moves you step-by-step through the fascinating process of replacing a knee. Warning, some of the photos can be gory. Suggested by Frank Migliorelli of NYU's IDC Lab. Best for ages 8-up.



Whyville <http://www.whyville.net>

Like the "Sims" but with a science twist, this virtual town lets you learn about rocks and money while you chat with other kids. Suggested by Scott Traylor. Best for ages 8-up.



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WE RAN OUT OF ROOM! Here's a list of other sites that were mentioned, or listed on the HCI Webliography.
<http://www.brainpop.com>
<http://www.bonus.com>
<http://www.funschool.com>
<http://www.hcibib.org/kids>
<http://www.kidshealth.org>
<http://www.mamamedia.com>
<http://www.neopets.com>
<http://www.noggin.com>
<http://ology.amnh.org>
<http://www.pbskids.org>
<http://www.pbskids.org/clifford>
<http://www.plimoth.org/olc>
<http://www.scholastic.com/ISpy>
<http://www.sesameworkshop.org>
<http://www.sparktop.org>
<http://www.starfall.com>
<http://www.timeforkids.com>
<http://yucky.kids.discovery.com>
<http://www.zeeks.com>
<http://www.zoopz.com>
Dr. Debra Lieberman of CHI-Kids maintains a list on kids and computers at <http://www.hcibib.org/kids/>. Check it out for resources, organizations, research, kids' sites, etc. You can add links to the page by clicking on the suggest-a-link feature.

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