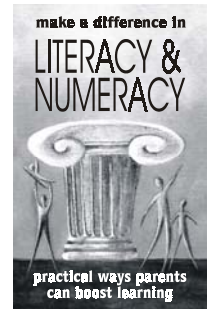


## Technology – the new basic supporting literacy

For students in primary, junior and middle grades



Technology is an important building block in your child's future. There are many enjoyable and interactive web sites that children can use to enhance their reading and writing skills. Parents and teachers who encourage children to use technology constructively are partners in education.

Here are a few web sites you can visit to boost learning:

### Primary

- [www.linktolearning.com](http://www.linktolearning.com) (web sites supporting the Ontario curriculum)
- [www.yahooligans.com](http://www.yahooligans.com) (search engine, great for research)
- [www.aplusmath.com](http://www.aplusmath.com) (a fun way to practice your math facts)
- [www.city.mississauga.on.ca/library/main.htm](http://www.city.mississauga.on.ca/library/main.htm) (check out your books right on the internet!)
- [www.cbc4kids.com](http://www.cbc4kids.com)
- [www.funschool.com/games.php](http://www.funschool.com/games.php) offers this impressive array of games for students of all ages. Games include Begins with..., Multiplication Bridge, Animal Homes, Haunted Alphabet.

- [www.cogcon.com/gamegoo/gooey.html](http://www.cogcon.com/gamegoo/gooey.html)  
Beginner activities focus on following directions, ordering, and beginning

sounds; intermediate activities involve words and letters; and advanced activities include practice practice working with opposites, synonyms, rhyming words, and adjectives.

- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/numbertime/games/index.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/numbertime/games/index.shtml). Children can choose from six games that teach addition, subtraction, matching, and counting. The site also includes songs, story animations, and printable activity pages.

### Junior

- [www.linktolearning.com](http://www.linktolearning.com)
- [www.yahooligans.com](http://www.yahooligans.com)
- [www.aplusmath.com](http://www.aplusmath.com)
- [www.city.mississauga.on.ca/library/main.htm](http://www.city.mississauga.on.ca/library/main.htm)
- [www.doctormath.com](http://www.doctormath.com) (help with solving math problems)
- [www.school.discovery.com](http://www.school.discovery.com) (covers an amazing array of subjects)
- [www.factmonster.com](http://www.factmonster.com) (answers your questions within hours)

- [www.google.ca](http://www.google.ca) (search engine)
- [www.schoolnet.com](http://www.schoolnet.com) (over 5,000 learning resources)
- [www.cbc4kids.com](http://www.cbc4kids.com)
- [www.aaamath.com](http://www.aaamath.com) (Basic math skills. Interactive practice on every page. An explanation of the math topic on each page.)
- [www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/authors.html](http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/authors.html) (Find your favourite author on the web)
- [www.nationalgeographic.com/kids](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/kids)

### Intermediate

- [www.linktolearning.com](http://www.linktolearning.com)
- [www.yahooligans.com](http://www.yahooligans.com)
- [www.aplusmath.com](http://www.aplusmath.com)
- [www.city.mississauga.on.ca/library/main.htm](http://www.city.mississauga.on.ca/library/main.htm)
- [www.doctormath.com](http://www.doctormath.com)
- [www.school.discovery.com](http://www.school.discovery.com)
- [www.factmonster.com](http://www.factmonster.com)
- [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)
- [www.cbc4kids.com](http://www.cbc4kids.com)
- [www.britannica.com](http://www.britannica.com). Search the 32- volume Encyclopaedia Britannica
- [www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/index.cfm?TCE\\_Version=A](http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/index.cfm?TCE_Version=A)
- [www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/authors.html](http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/authors.html). Find your favourite author on the web.
- [www.nationalgeographic.com/kids](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/kids)

- [www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/aboutclwg.html](http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/aboutclwg.html). The Children's Literature web guide – a guide.

### Tips for Internet Safety

Even without trying, children can come across materials on the Internet that are obscene, pornographic, violent, hate-filled, racist or offensive in other ways. Here are some steps to help you ensure that your child uses the Internet as wisely and safely as possible:

- Make sure your child understands what sites are appropriate for her.
- Discuss the meaning of an unsafe site with your child.
- Explain to your child what he should do if he reaches an unsafe site.
- Make exploring new web sites a family activity.
- Use search engines designed for kids - ask your school for ideas.
- Pay attention to the games your child may download or copy.
- Look into software or on-line services that filter out offensive materials or sites.
- Have your computer in a central location.

*"The world is different...communication is different...students are different...tools are different...information is different...and learning is different. All children must be ready for a different world."* (International Society for Technology in Education)

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