



# **TA TEKS Computer Lab**

## **Website Guide for the 3-5 Classroom Teacher**

## 3-5 Websites

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### Best Practices for Using the Internet with Students





Maximize the instructional value of your students' Internet time by following the guidelines below.

1. Discuss Internet safety, as age and task appropriate.
2. Clearly outline rules and expectations for Internet use.
3. Preview all websites before instructing your students to go to them.
4. Focus your students' attention by telling them what skill they will be practicing or what information they will be looking for.
5. Demonstrate accessing websites and model your thought process as you chose which links to click on.
6. Avoid unstructured Internet "free time."
7. Avoid websites with minimal instructional value and/or websites where students play arcade style games.
8. Plan Internet activities which correspond with, or extend, classroom instruction.
9. Use a projector or Lan School to visit difficult websites (ex. reading level beyond that of your students) whole group.
10. Closely supervise your students at all times.


## 3-5 Websites

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### General

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools>   
<http://pbskids.org>   
<http://www.funbrain.com>  
<http://www.learningplanet.com>   
<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/learn.jsp>  
<http://www.dositey.com> (choose free activities)  
<http://www.eduplace.com>  
<http://www.mrnussbaum.com> 

### Reading/Language Arts

Tall Tales   
<http://www.animatedtalltales.com/>

Classic Stories  
<http://www.bygosh.com/childrensclassics.htm>

Prefixes  
<http://www.oswego.org/ocsd-web/match/dragflip.asp?filename=jwildeprefix>


Contractions  
<http://www.oswego.org/ocsd-web/match/dragflip.asp?filename=jwildecontraction2>

Word Games  
<http://www.wordcentral.com/>

Rhyme Zone  
<http://www.rhymezone.com/>


Reading Activities  
<http://www.netrover.com/~kingskid/108.html>  
<http://netrover.com/~jjrose/storywriter/storywriter.htm>

Mr. Nussbaum's Interactive Language Arts Activities  
<http://www.mrnussbaum.com/langcode.htm>

Scholastic   
<http://www.scholastic.com/kids>

Awesome Stories  
<http://www.awesomestories.com/>

Spelling  
<http://www.spellingcity.com/>

Vocabulary Games   
<http://www.vocabulary.co.il/>

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### Elementary Math

Math Dictionary

<http://www.teachers.ash.org.au/jeather/maths/dictionary.html>

APlus Math

<http://www.aplusmath.com>

Cool Math

<http://www.coolmath.com>

Math Playground

<http://www.mathplayground.com>

NCES Math Kids Zone

<http://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/chances/>

Count Us In

<http://www.abc.net.au/countusin/default.htm>

Figure This!

<http://www.figurethis.org/challenges/toc.htm>

Interactive Math Activities 

<http://www.shodor.org/interactivate/activities/>

Virtual Manipulatives

<http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/vlibrary.html>

Thinking Blocks

<http://www.thinkingblocks.com>

Educational Games Math

[http://www.quiz-tree.com/Math\\_smain.html](http://www.quiz-tree.com/Math_smain.html)

Fun Mathematics Lessons by Cynthia Lanus

<http://math.rice.edu/~lanus/Lessons>

Harcourt Math Glossary

[http://www.harcourtschool.com/glossary/math\\_advantage/glossary2.html](http://www.harcourtschool.com/glossary/math_advantage/glossary2.html)

Harcourt School Publishers - The Learning Site

<http://www.harcourtschool.com/menus/auto/13/3.html>

<http://www.harcourtschool.com/activity/hrise/hrise.html>

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### Elementary Science

Africa WebCam

<http://www.africam.com/wildlife/index.php>

Build a Prairie

<http://www.bellmuseum.org/distancelearning/prairie/build/index.html>

Just for Kids

<http://www1.cyfernet.org/justforkids.html>

Water cycle

[http://www.epa.gov/ogwdw000/kids/flash/flash\\_watercycle.html](http://www.epa.gov/ogwdw000/kids/flash/flash_watercycle.html)

NASA Space Place

<http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/games.shtml>

What on Earth

[http://www.tki.org.nz/r/wicked/science/what\\_on\\_earth.php](http://www.tki.org.nz/r/wicked/science/what_on_earth.php)

Science Monster

<http://www.sciencemonster.com/>

Earth Science Explorer


<http://www.cotf.edu/ete/modules/mseese/explorer.html>

National Geographic Kids 

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

Ology

<http://www.amnh.org/ology/>

Playing with Time 

<http://www.playingwithtime.org/>

The Heart

<http://www.littleclickers.com/heart0208.html>

### Spanish

FunBrain.com's Translator Alligator

<http://www.funbrain.com/lang/index.html>

Story Place

<http://www.storyplace.org/sp/storyplace.asp>

International Children's Digital Library

<http://es.childrenslibrary.org/>

Aesop's Fables

<http://www.edyd.com/Fabulas/Esopo/Eindice.htm>

Mundo Latino

<http://www.mundolatino.org/rinconcito/>

EduHound

<http://www.eduhound.com/espanol/defaultE.cfm>

Maya and Miguel

[http://pbskids.org/mayaandmiguel/flash\\_esp.html](http://pbskids.org/mayaandmiguel/flash_esp.html)

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### Elementary Social Studies

American History Growth of a Nation

<http://www.animatedatlas.com/movie.html>

American Rhetoric Martin Luther King, Jr. - I Have a Dream

<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/mlkihaveadream.htm>

BBC - Schools - Famous People

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/famouspeople/flash/index.shtml?page=master.swf>

Colonial House . Interactive History PBS

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/colonialhouse/history/index.html>

Conquistadors - Peru Incas

<http://www.pbs.org/opb/conquistadors/peru/peru.htm>

Culture & Change Black History in America Scholastic.com

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/bhistory/index.htm>

Dress Up - Clothing from the Past

<http://memorialhall.mass.edu/activities/dressup/index.html>

Explore the States

<http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/es>

George Washington's Mount Vernon - Virtual Mansion Tour

<http://www.mountvernon.org/virtual/index.cfm/ss/29/cfid/2209053/cftoken/37344471>

Life in the White House Quiz

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/kids/whlife/quiz/>

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/kids/tour/>

Movies of Early America Primary Source Material from 18th Century America

<http://www.earlyamerica.com/series.html>

Texas SenateKids

<http://www.senate.state.tx.us/kids/>


The Democracy Project PBS KIDS GO!

<http://pbskids.org/democracy/>

Government 

<http://www.texasre.org/onlinegames.html>

### Research

Enchanted Learning 

[www.enchantedlearning.com](http://www.enchantedlearning.com)

Ask Kids 

<http://www.askkids.com/>

Google for Kids

[http://www.google.com/Top/Kids\\_and\\_Teens/](http://www.google.com/Top/Kids_and_Teens/)