



Activity Kit

Kids ages 8-15 crave new experiences, new friends and the opportunity to have a voice to the world. That explains the popularity of KidsCom.com®, the longest running "edutainment" site for kids on the Internet. KidsCom.com® is a safe, educational and entertaining electronic playground for kids. We mix the learning with fun. We give kids a voice to the world—and they have a lot to say! The site's been picked as a favorite by Rosie O'Donnell, the LA Times, Reader's Digest and others.



Math and Savings:

Riley's Monster Crunch

http://www.kidscom.com/games/crunch/crunch_flash.html

Kids will memorize arithmetic facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) by playing this challenging and fun game. Riley encounters math monsters that look like numbers as he navigates through a fantasy video-game land. As the monsters appear, an operand symbol (+, -, x, /) appears and kids must solve the math problems quickly in order to help Riley get through.



KidsKash™ Points

<http://www.kidscom.com/cool/loot/loot.html>

Teach students about math, saving money and let them do their own shopping (without needing money) for some really neat prizes. Register your students on the site and they earn KidsKash™ Points by participating in a variety of educational and fun activities. The more they do, the more KidsKash™ Points they earn. Kids can keep track of their very own totals and "spend" their Points in our "Loot Locker."

Music:

Skeeter's Music Machine

http://www.kidscom.com/create/music/music_flash.html

There's nothing like the ability to get kids interested in music. Skeeter's Music Machine allows kids to make their own music. They can even record it and play it back for themselves, you or their friends! More fun than detailed instruction, yet it still builds an interest in music beyond what they hear on the radio.



Writing:

Write Me a Story

<http://www.kidscom.com/create/write/write.html>

Students can practice their creative writing skills, share their imagination, read fun stories and maybe even get published on the Internet! Each week KidCom.com® challenges kids to write a story using a predetermined character, place and prop. We encourage all types of stories—funny, sad or silly—and some of the best ones will be published on the site!

Find a KeyPal

http://www.kidscom.com/cgi-bin/keypal/keypal_search.pl

Students and classrooms can safely find a friend anywhere around the world and "talk" online together through e-mail. This provides an ideal way for students to practice writing skills, while learning about kids in other parts of the globe at the same time. To be a KeyPal, students must be properly registered on the site, although teachers can register an entire group of kids.

KidsCom KidsChat

<http://www.kidscom.com/chat/kidschat/kidschat.html>

While only open during certain times of the day, the KidsCom KidsChat hosts chat rooms for kids fully monitored by KidsCom employees, and attracts children from around the globe. It's another great way to practice writing skills and share ideas, while at the same time learn about kids and customs from other places. To participate in KidsChat, students must be properly registered on the site with adult permission, although teachers can register an entire group of kids. No personally identifiable information including e-mail addresses can be posted.

Spelling:

Hangman

<http://www.kidscom.com/games/hangman/hangman.html>

This traditional game is still lots of fun and is a great way for kids to practice their spelling skills. Not only does this promote educational value, it also rewards kids for a job well done. Registered kids on the site can earn KidsKash™ Points for prizes, which will keep them playing (see the Math and Savings section below).

KidsCom.com Activity Kit

KidsCom.com® (www.kidscom.com) can help you advance your students' learning in the classroom and at home with fun, entertaining and lively games and information. For nearly any curriculum, KidsCom.com® has activities that are entertaining and reinforce what children are learning in the classroom, especially reading and writing. The site has content appropriate for any elementary school student (K-6), depending upon each student's learning level. KidsCom.com® is also fully compliant with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA).

Check out the KidsCom.com® Activity Kit online:

<http://www.parents-talk.com/familyfun/activities/activitykit.html>

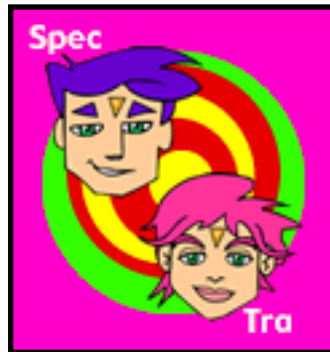
Encouraging kids to spend time on KidsCom.com can leverage the following subjects:

Reading and Comprehension:

Spec and Tra Action Series

http://www.kidscom.com/adventure/specandtra/specandtra_flash.html

Don't be fooled by this animated online cartoon! In addition to teaching some basic lessons of right and wrong, kids get to guide the superheroes through their adventure by answering multiple choice questions on various topics such as the environment and science. Kids will be reading and learning while they follow our heroes, Spec and Tra, through an awesome adventure.



Misc:

Internet Safety Game

<http://www.kidscom.com/games/isg/isg.html>

As long as the kids are on the Internet, they should be safe. This game was the first on the Internet to begin teaching young people about what is safe and appropriate behavior on the Web. At the beginning of your session or at the end, it's a good idea to give your students a few minutes on this game so they can learn and spread the good word about safe and appropriate play on the Internet.



Biology:

Animals of the World

<http://www.kidscom.com/games/animal/animal.html>

Kids learn facts about all kinds of creatures, including where they live, what their habitats are like, what they eat and what self-defense mechanisms they have in this puzzle-like game that keeps them interested in reading and learning. The categories include mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians, and insects and arachnids.



Geography:

Dumonde GPS

<http://www.kidscom.com/adventure/gps/gps.html>

This game tests students' knowledge of geography, cities and countries from around the world in a fun way. Set up competitions to see which students can get the most points!



On Location

<http://www.kidscom.com/adventure/onlocation/onlocation.html>

Take a tour with other kids to cities around the world. Students can learn about these cities, and can even write a short essay to KidsCom.com® as to why we should visit your hometown. Kids can even hear other kids recite an Internet safety message in different languages.



Science:

IPlanetarium

http://www.kidscom.com/adventure/iplanet/iplanet_flash.html

Jet around the solar system with Spec and Tra as they teach students about the planets. Find out the average length of a season on Neptune, what Saturn's rings are made of, even the mystery behind how Pluto ended up in our solar system. Kids will have fun learning about all the planets while they further expand their knowledge of the solar system.



Current Affairs:

Voice to the World

http://www.kidscom.com/chat/vttw/voice_index.html

Studying a current issue? Want to get kids involved? "Voice to the World" gives them that chance by making it easy to send a message to a wide range of world leaders from the President of the United States to United Nations officials. Students can share their voice with some very important people.



How to Create Your Activity Kit Booklet

The KidsCom Activity Kit offers entertaining and educational games and activities to enjoy in the classroom or at home.



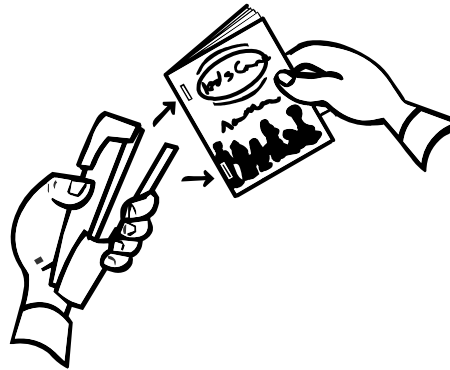
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2 Fold the other sheets and place the pages inside the cover.



3 Check the page numbers to make sure the pages are in order.



4 Staple, tape or glue pages together as close as possible to the fold.

Have Fun!

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