



CPTV/PBS Kids Parents E-Newsletter June 2017

Get ready for a summer of adventure with PBS Kids and CPTV!

Countdown to Summer

Let CPTV and PBS Kids help you make plans for a summer of exploration and learning. Download our *super summer* checklist, bookmark, and activity booklet, and check out our tips and ideas for a summer filled with fun learning! Visit pbsparents.org/summer.

Do You DIY?

Looking for ideas you can use on a rainy or hot summer day when you can't get outdoors? Your kids will have fun and experience nature with [these Do It Yourself ideas from Nature Cat](#).

Outdoor Summer Projects: Garden Math

PBS Parents contributor Jennifer Cooper shares some ideas for garden math projects to keep learning going all summer long, whether you have a few pots sitting on a window sill or a great big garden in your backyard. [Read more](#).

Explore Anywhere, Anytime with Nature Cat's Free App

If you've got a smart phone or tablet you can download *Nature Cat's* Great Outdoors (free) and you'll have a handy, on-the-go toolkit to inspire your child to explore nature. Every day *Nature Cat* has a new adventure that lets kids use tools to record and share their observations. [Find out where to download it here](#).

Fabulous Fathers: Children's Books for Father's Day

Dads are great. They fix broken toys, sing silly songs, and open our eyes to the wonders of the world around us. But most of all, they give us lots of love. Celebrate the fabulous fathers in your life with [this selection of favorite books](#) for kids ages 0-9.

Father's Day Secret Message Cards

Looking for a unique way to wish dad a happy Father's Day? How about making him a super secret spy code card! Children practice their math, spelling, and writing to create a coded message for dad to decipher. It's a totally cool and fun way to tell dad you love him! [Learn how](#).

Father's Day Craft: Goodie Bags

These goodie bags are so easy to make and can be filled with treats, notes, or any other kind of fun surprise for Dad! [Learn how](#).



Just for Kids: Nature Cat

On June 19, Nature Cat and his pals go on an all new, aquatic adventure to save Hal's favorite chew toy. Along the way, they learn that all waterways are interconnected and meet up with a new special friend named Nature Dog who helps them navigate the oceans. **Tune in weekdays at 8 a.m. (repeating at 3 p.m.) on CPTV Kids!**

For the Family: CPTV PBS Kids Family Night!

The new 24/7 channel [CPTV PBS Kids](#) presents Family Night programming with movies and specials every Friday night at 7 p.m. (encoring on Saturday and Sunday evenings). This month, our Family Night specials include: *Arthur: D. W. and the Beastly Birthday* (June 2, 3, 4); *WordGirl: Rise of Miss Power* (June 9, 10, 11); *Dinosaur Train: What's at the Center of the Earth* (June 16, 17, 18); *Nature Cat: Ocean Commotion* (June 23, 24, 25); and *Odd Squad Saves the World* (June 30, July 1, 2). Get the popcorn ready and tune in to CPTV PBS Kids online!