



# Classroom Connections

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### Special points of interest:

- **FREE RESOURCES!**  
Toolkits for Teachers: lesson plans, quiz makers, class rosters and more!  
Sign-up for FREE at [www.PBSlearningmedia.org](http://www.PBSlearningmedia.org)
- Parenting resources and tips on raising children, planning birthday parties, and kids activities. Visit <http://www.pbs.org/parents/>
- Looking for some new fun and games? Check out [PBS fun and games](#).

## For You: THE GREAT AMERICAN READ

On Tuesday, September 11, 2018, [THE GREAT AMERICAN READ](#) picks up from the May 2018 premiere of the eight-part series that explores the power of reading, told through the prism of America's 100 best-loved novels (as chosen in a national survey)\*. The final episode will reveal the results of a nationwide vote to choose America's best-loved book.

[Check local listings.](#)

Be sure to vote! Explore the list of the 100 novels and vote now for your favorites. The full voting details are available [here](#).



The Great American Read

## For You: Five Ways to Beat Back-to-School Jitters

Whether your child is headed to kindergarten for the first time or returning for another year of preschool, the transition from summer to school is packed with emotions. Even if kids have been back at school for a few weeks, anxieties can persist or suddenly surface. [PBS Parents](#) has five tips you can use to help address your child through their anxious moments.



## Just For Kids: All New Daniel Tiger Movie



All New Daniel Tiger Movie: Won't You Be My Neighbor

There's a new family moving to the Neighborhood of Make-Believe! Daniel Tiger and his community welcome their new friends in the very first movie event from *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood*. [Check local listings](#) or watch any time on the [PBS KIDS Video App](#).

## For You: Daniel Tiger for Parents App



As little ones get back into their school routines, make the transition smoother with the [Daniel Tiger for Parents app](#). The free app, available in English and Spanish, gives parents more than three dozen *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood* strategy songs, as well as other helpful hints about the important skills children need to be ready for school and life.

Help Kids Grow:  
Smarter  
Stronger  
Kinder

## 8 Brain-Building Games to Play in the Car



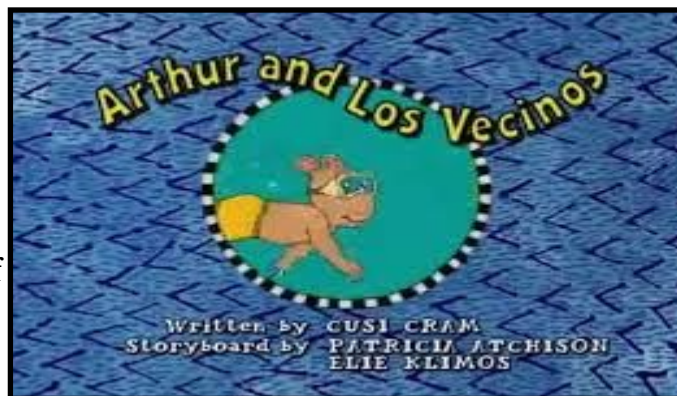
A traffic-congested ride home from school with kids can go south quickly. Boredom is not a bad thing for kids, but when you're trapped in a moving vehicle together, it can make everyone feel a little crazy. Here are a [few games](#) to make the most of this time together.

## National Hispanic Heritage Month

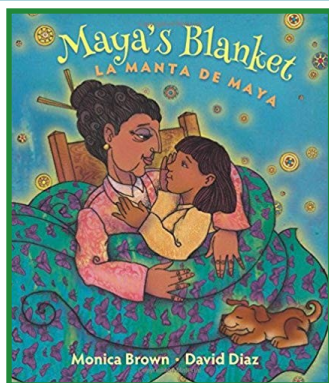
Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage month with our favorite math hero Peg and her very best friend Cat. PEG + CAT kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month with "The Mariachi Problem," featuring traditional Mexican music.

Join Arthur for "Arthur and Los Vecinos" when he meets his new neighbors, Alberto Molina and his family. Arthur makes a new friend and learns about a comic book character named Conejitos Mechanicos (That's Spanish for Bionic Bunny)!

In "Buenas Noches, Vicita," Vicita Molina, the youngest of the Molina family, has lost her favorite book - a lovely South American tale of friendship and courage in the Amazon Jungle. No book means no sleep for Vicita - or for any of the Molinas. Since Vicita knows the story by heart, maybe D.W. and Arthur can help her find a way to re-create it and get the family back to sleep. [Check local listings.](#)



## Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Award-Winning Books



What better time to introduce young readers to tales set in the Caribbean, Spain, and the Americas? Good stories about diverse people are a terrific way to build empathy and understanding in young people. Readers of all ages can enjoy [these favorites](#) throughout the year.



## Looking for New Snack and Lunch Ideas?

Back-to-school time can be a fun time to try some new foods for snacks and lunch, or maybe your kids have just changed their minds about what they like to eat since last spring. [PBS Food](#) has some [kid-friendly recipe ideas](#) that might come in handy, like these [rollwiches](#).



## For the Family: WLJT PBS KIDS Family Night!



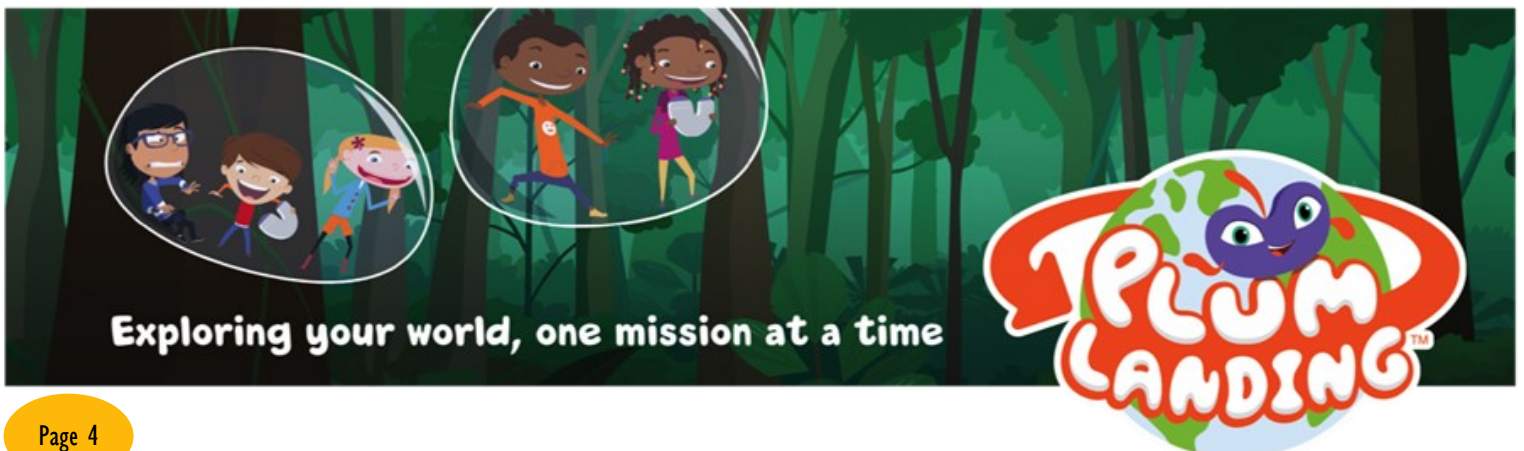
Make it family night on Friday, Saturday or Sunday night with WLJT PBS KIDS. This month our Family Night specials are PINKALICIOUS & PETERRIFIC Marathon (September 7, 8, 9); The Gruffalo & Friends! (September 14, 15, 16); The Daniel Tiger Movie: Won't You Be My Neighbor? (September 21, 22, 23); SPLASH AND BUBBLES: Pole-to-Pole (September 28, 29, 30).

Pop that popcorn and tune in to [WLJT](#) PBS KIDS!

## The PLUM LANDING team is on a mission!

The PLUM LANDING team is on a mission to inspire 6-to 9-year-olds and their families to get outdoors, get moving, and get into nature – right in their own neighborhoods!

With kids back to school, just a reminder that the [PLUM LANDING site](#) has resources to help educators and families by offering them some fun, science-based activities that can help kids get moving and outside!



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## WLJT: WHO WE ARE

**MISSION:** WLJT's mission is to serve West Tennessee by providing a world of learning and discovery through quality programming, educational services, and online information that educates, inspires, and entertains.

**VISION:** On the air, online, and in the community, WLJT uses media for good, delivering exceptional programs and services that expand knowledge, celebrate the world around us, and enrich lives.

**VALUES:** We believe in the power of information, exploration and imagination to fill our lives with wisdom and purpose. Our passion to enlighten, inspire, and entertain knows no bounds. Our work ensures that lifelong learning is an opportunity for all and that our children have a safe, welcoming place to come as they grow and prepare for the future.

Visit [www.wljt.org](http://www.wljt.org) to learn more about our programs.



WLJT Kids Club only  
\$5.00 a month with a  
sustaining membership!

## WLJT KIDS BIRTHDAY CLUB

WLJT offers a Kids Birthday Club (ages 0-12) to raise awareness of PBS and to celebrate the children of West Tennessee. "I am so excited that WLJT is able to offer a Kids Club! WLJT opens a world of possibilities for all the children of West Tennessee and this is a great way to make them feel as special as we know they are," Mandy Hinson, WLJT's Manager of Individual Giving, said.

For only \$5 per month, through a sustaining membership, Kids Club members will receive special birthday surprises. Features include a "Happy Birthday" wish broadcast

twice a day, during PBS Kids programming and prime time throughout the child's birth month. Additionally, a birthday wish in the monthly program guide SPOTLIGHT during their birth month, and a special birthday gift from WLJT. Just for signing up, WLJT will send a welcome packet that includes a PBS stickers and coloring sheets. The \$5 a month sustaining membership covers up to five children in a family! "This is a stimulating program that WLJT offers to the community. We believe that children are the future of PBS and WLJT. Our goals are to educate, entertain and inspire.

Through the Kids Club, we hope to achieve those and develop an excitement for learning that will continue for many generations." said Jennifer Shell, WLJT's Manager of Education and Community Engagement.

To sign up for WLJT Kids Club, contact Mandy at (731) 881-7561, or by email at [mhison@wljt.org](mailto:mhison@wljt.org). WLJT airs popular educational children's programming such as Curious George, Sesame Street, Dinosaur Train, Super Why!, and Wild Kratts.

