

Dear Parents,

To support the students of our region during the widespread school closings, we have worked with Nine Network, St. Louis' PBS station, on the [Nine PBS Educator and Caregiver Toolkit](#) to provide free learning opportunities for educators, parents, and students. This toolkit was created with guidance from education leaders from across the region.

What is the toolkit?

The [toolkit](#) has broadcast, online, and mobile resources, as well as learning tools and tips that can be text messaged to phones. It includes a broadcast and streaming schedule of kids' programs available by targeted ages, learning goals, air times and links to PBS KIDS apps. The toolkit will be especially useful for our learners in kindergarten through grade 4, but has resources for other grade levels. New things will be added regularly.

How can this be helpful?

PBS educational programming and resources have been shown by multiple evaluations to be effective tools for teachers and parents. Content is curriculum-based and aligned to respective state standards, and classroom-tested by teachers. Content includes building social and emotional learning, literacy, STEM, social studies and art skills for children across the St. Louis region. In addition, the resources are free and readily accessible.

This toolkit and other resources are the first step. Nine Network will be creating messages to air daily across their four channels to provide messaging for educators, parents, and children.

Nine Network will continue to listen to our region's educators to adjust and add accordingly.