

Where else but on PBS and NET Television can you find a talking dog, dinosaurs who travel by train, a curious monkey and a cat in a striped hat who knows a lot about that?

While Nebraska kids head back to school this fall, PBS Kids and NET Television are ramping up their fall kids' schedule to provide more learning and laughter for preschoolers all day long as well as school-age youth in the late afternoon.

PBS Kids programming airs 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. CT Mondays through Fridays, and 6 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. CT on Sundays on NET1/HD.

But PBS Kids programming offers far more than laughter and antics. Check out these recent statistics:

- PBS Kids offers 18 series focusing on science, technology, engineering, literacy and math.
- PBS is the No. 1 source of media content for preschool teachers and the No. 1 place parents turn to for preschool videos online.
- Children who watch "Sesame Street" in preschool spend more time reading for fun in high school and obtain higher grades in English, math and science.
- Children who watch "Super Why!" score 46 percent higher on standardized tests than those who don't watch the series.
- Kids who played the "Martha Speaks" app (find it on pbs.org under the "Mobile Apps" button) increased their vocabulary as much as 31 percent in two weeks.

One thing is for certain: Kids who watch PBS learn while they laugh...and that's no joke!

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