



Explore Our Community Online

3 years to 4 years

Objective: The child increases their spatial awareness through technological maps and pictures, and can name things they recognize in pictures.

Materials needed:

Internet Access

Procedures:

1. Sit with your child at the computer.

2. Upload the website

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/>

On your screen.

3. For this age group it is recommended to explore the "countries" tab, "photos" tab, or the "animals & pets" tab to teach real-life places and things in our community and world. Move on further to the "fun stuff" and "videos" for further exploration and learning.

4. Continue exploring, teaching concepts on this website until your child no longer shows interest.

This is a great, recommended website for teaching Social Studies concepts.



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4. Reminders when teaching concepts on computer: Always point to the pictures, places, or maps and ask what the name of the picture is to your child. Also,

always ask open-ended questions, such as "what kinds of places does that animal live in?" You can also ask questions about how the animals or places look, their specific characteristics that you and your child may see in the pictures.

5. At the end, let your child play the online NatGeoKids games under the "Animal Jam" link.

Milestones to meet:

The child can look at and use their visual sense to learn about places, animals, things, and diversity in our world. The child can recognize and say the names of pictures they see on a computer. The child can use technology to learn through moving a mouse and clicking on links to play games.

Evaluation:

Did this lesson work for your child? Why or why not?