Exploring Science with Kids

You don’t need to be a science expert to help your child make discoveries about science in the world around you. All you need is an open mind and a willingness to join the exploration. It’s fun and a great way to support your child’s science learning.

Tips for Parents

1. **Take time to look, wonder, and try things out together.** For example, if your child notices a dripping faucet, an interesting rock, or a weed in the sidewalk, stop to examine it closely.

2. **Let your child take the lead** in exploring things. Notice what catches your child’s interest. Is it the weed, the crumbling pavement, or the tiny insects nearby?

3. **Ask questions** to keep the exploration going. You might say, *Wow! Did you see...? Listen to the sounds the drops make when they hit the water. I wonder what would happen if...?*

4. **It’s OK to say, “I don’t know”** when your child asks you hard-to-answer questions. You can also say, *Maybe we can find out together.* Then visit your local library, museum, or zoo and see what new information you can discover.

5. **Visit our Web site, peepandthebigwideworld.org, with your child.** Watch *Peep* episodes, play science and math games created especially for young kids, find easy, fun family ideas for exploring everyday science, and much more.

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