

# Virtual PreK

Category / Topic	Name	Description	Website
Parenting	Exchange Club Family Center	This website is the homepage for the Exchange Club Family Center, which is a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to the prevention of child abuse in Northeast Florida.	<a href="http://www.exchangeclubfamilycenter.com/">http://www.exchangeclubfamilycenter.com/</a>
	Family Education	This website provides links to articles and discussions about child behaviors, recipe ideas, blogs from other parents, and more.	<a href="http://www.familyeducation.com/home/">http://www.familyeducation.com/home/</a>
	First Coast News Moms Like Me	A discussion site for local moms to meet, share and compare stories, and learn from one another	<a href="http://firstcoast.momslikeme.com/members/exploregroups.aspx">http://firstcoast.momslikeme.com/members/exploregroups.aspx</a>
	Great Schools	This website provides information concerning the health and development, academics and activities, and special education for children from preschool through high school. Links to informative articles on a variety of topics are also included.	<a href="http://www.greatschools.org/preschool/">http://www.greatschools.org/preschool/</a>
	Jacksonville Library	This webpage (within the Jacksonville Public Library website) offers links to a variety of resources within the community. The resources are educational, social, developmental, and community based.	<a href="http://www.jpl.coj.net/kids/grownups.html">http://www.jpl.coj.net/kids/grownups.html</a>
	Kid Source	This website provides links to a multitude of articles on topics related to young children – education, health and safety, growth and development, parenting, and others.	<a href="http://www.kidsource.com/kidsource/pages/Preschoolers.html">http://www.kidsource.com/kidsource/pages/Preschoolers.html</a>
	National Center for Learning Disabilities	This website provides information and links concerning the parenting and teaching of children with learning disabilities.	<a href="http://www.nclld.org/in-the-home">http://www.nclld.org/in-the-home</a>
	Parenting Counts	This website is the home page to Parenting Counts, a center that families can join for free. You will be provided with information you can trust, understand, and use in your daily interactions with children.	<a href="http://www.parentingcounts.org/">http://www.parentingcounts.org/</a>
	Tufts University Child and Family Web Guide	This website describes and provides links to trustworthy websites on the topic of <i>parenting</i> . All listed sites have been evaluated by graduate students and faculty in child development and selected due to the quality of information they provide.	<a href="http://www.cfw.tufts.edu/?/category/family-parenting/2/">http://www.cfw.tufts.edu/?/category/family-parenting/2/</a>

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Developmental Expectations	Born Learning	This link provides information on the appropriate expectations for children ranging from birth to 5 years of age	<a href="http://www.bornlearning.org/default.aspx?id=19">http://www.bornlearning.org/default.aspx?id=19</a>
	Get Ready to Read	This site is a link within the Get Ready to Read website that lists developmental milestones for children ages 2-6 years old.	<a href="http://www.getreadytoread.org/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=91&amp;Itemid=67">http://www.getreadytoread.org/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=91&amp;Itemid=67</a>
	PBS	This website is for parents with information on child development.	<a href="http://www.pbs.org/parents/childdevelopment/">http://www.pbs.org/parents/childdevelopment/</a>
	Reach Out and Read	This website provides a link to the Developmental Milestones of Early Literacy, written by pediatricians, that provides guidance for parents and doctors on appropriate book-related behaviors for children ages 6 months through 5 years.	<a href="http://www.reachoutandread.org/parents/milestones/">http://www.reachoutandread.org/parents/milestones/</a>
	Tufts University Child and Family Web Guide	This website describes and provides links to trustworthy websites on the topic of <i>child development</i> . All listed sites have been evaluated by graduate students and faculty in child development and selected due to the quality of information they provide.	<a href="http://www.cfw.tufts.edu/?/category/development/4/">http://www.cfw.tufts.edu/?/category/development/4/</a>
	Zero to Three	This website provides information, interactive tools, parent handouts, charts, Tip Sheets, FAQ's, articles, and PowerPoint slideshows all designed to help you in supporting and nurturing the health and development of babies and toddlers.	<a href="http://www.zerotothree.org/child-development/">http://www.zerotothree.org/child-development/</a>
Taking Care of Your Child's Health	Born Learning	This link provides suggestions, reminders, and ideas for making your child's health a top priority	<a href="http://www.bornlearning.org/default.aspx?id=24">http://www.bornlearning.org/default.aspx?id=24</a>
	Florida Department of Health	This website is the homepage for Healthy Start which provides services to pregnant women, infants and children up to age three including information and referral, comprehensive assessment of service needs in light of family and community resources, ongoing care coordination and support to assure access to needed services, and others.	<a href="http://www.doh.state.fl.us/family/mch/hs/hs.html">http://www.doh.state.fl.us/family/mch/hs/hs.html</a>
	Tufts University Child and Family Web Guide	This website describes and provides links to trustworthy websites on the topic of <i>health</i> . All listed sites have been evaluated by graduate students and faculty in child development and selected due to the quality of information they provide.	<a href="http://www.cfw.tufts.edu/?/category/health/1/">http://www.cfw.tufts.edu/?/category/health/1/</a>
	Zero to Three	This link provides tips, tools, and resources concerning children's health and nutrition	<a href="http://www.zerotothree.org/child-development/health-nutrition/">http://www.zerotothree.org/child-development/health-nutrition/</a>

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Community Resources	Early Learning Coalition	This webpage (within the Early Learning Coalition website) provides contact information and links to a variety of community resources (i.e., adult education, domestic violence, food and nutrition).	<a href="http://www.elcofduval.org/ccrr_communityresourceguide.asp">http://www.elcofduval.org/ccrr_communityresourceguide.asp</a>
	The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation	This website provides links for early care and education, health and safety, being the best parent, questions about my child, your growing child, and best trends and practices	<a href="http://www.teachmorelovetmore.org/WebLinks.asp">http://www.teachmorelovetmore.org/WebLinks.asp</a>
		This website provides tips and links for coping with tragedy, child health and well-being, abuse and violence, education, and family issues and parenting skills	<a href="http://www.teachmorelovetmore.org/BestTrends.asp">http://www.teachmorelovetmore.org/BestTrends.asp</a>
	Episcopal Children's Service (ECS)	This link is the homepage for a not-for-profit child services organization (for children birth to five) in Northeast Florida; provides high quality services to more than 25,000 children in Duval, Clay, Nassau, Baker, Bradford, Union, Putnam and St. Johns counties	<a href="http://www.ecs4kids.org">www.ecs4kids.org</a>
		This website provides links to over 15 sites with helpful information (childcare, workforce, health care, voluntary prekindergarten, etc.)	<a href="http://www.ecs4kids.org/links.html">http://www.ecs4kids.org/links.html</a>
	City site	This link is the homepage for locating information on kid-friendly events in the Jacksonville area, free dining and/or discounts, and suggested places to go and much more!	<a href="http://www.jax4kids.com">www.jax4kids.com</a>
	Jacksonville Children's Commission	This is the website for the Jacksonville Children's Commission whose mission is to support families in their efforts to maximize their children's potential to be healthy, safe, educated and contributing members of the community.	<a href="http://www.coj.net/Departments/Childrens+Commission/default.htm">http://www.coj.net/Departments/Childrens+Commission/default.htm</a>
		This website is the homepage for Mayor Payton's Book Club. Registration information along with member information is available.	<a href="http://www.coj.net/Departments/Childrens+Commission/Early+Learning+and+Child+Care/RALLY+Jacksonville/Mayor+Peyton%27s+Book+Club.htm">http://www.coj.net/Departments/Childrens+Commission/Early+Learning+and+Child+Care/RALLY+Jacksonville/Mayor+Peyton%27s+Book+Club.htm</a>
	Jacksonville Recreation and Community Services	This website is the home page for the Recreation and Community Services department of Jacksonville. Visit this site to learn park locations, upcoming events, and ongoing programs. On-line registration for certain events is available.	<a href="http://www.coj.net/Departments/Recreation+and+Community+Services/Recreation+and+Community+Programming/default.htm">http://www.coj.net/Departments/Recreation+and+Community+Services/Recreation+and+Community+Programming/default.htm</a>
	Jacksonville Public Library	This website is the homepage for the Jacksonville Public Library.	<a href="http://jpl.coj.net/">http://jpl.coj.net/</a>
		This webpage (within the Jacksonville Public Library website) provides details of regularly scheduled and upcoming events at libraries throughout the city of Jacksonville.	<a href="http://jplcalendar.coj.net/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp?In=ALL&amp;df=list">http://jplcalendar.coj.net/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp?In=ALL&amp;df=list</a>
	Jacksonville Zoo	This is the website for the Jacksonville Zoo. Information on zoo hours, costs, and attractions are provided along with a map and other valuable information. Check out the Jazoo's KidZone!	<a href="http://www.jacksonvillezoo.org/">http://www.jacksonvillezoo.org/</a>
	Museum of Science and History	This is the website for the Museum of Science and History (MOSH). Visit this site to get information about the museum including cost, location, hours, and attractions.	<a href="http://www.themosh.org/Home.html">http://www.themosh.org/Home.html</a>

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VPK Information	Agency for Workforce Innovation	This website provides answers to frequently asked questions and links to related sites concerning VPK providers.	<a href="http://www.floridajobs.org/earlylearning/VPK%20Program.html">http://www.floridajobs.org/earlylearning/VPK%20Program.html</a>	
	Early Learning Coalition	Links to frequently asked questions, applications, potential providers, and much more concerning voluntary prekindergarten	<a href="http://www.elcofduval.org/vpk_parentinfo.asp">http://www.elcofduval.org/vpk_parentinfo.asp</a>	
	Episcopal Children's Services (ECS)	Information for parents, current providers, and prospective providers concerning policies and procedures for voluntary prekindergarten	<a href="http://www.ecs4kids.org/vpk.html">http://www.ecs4kids.org/vpk.html</a>	
	Florida Department of Education		Important information concerning voluntary prekindergarten (screening, trainings, etc.)	<a href="http://www.fldoe.org/earlyLearning/">http://www.fldoe.org/earlyLearning/</a>
			This site provides a link to a document that explains the VPK standards and provides examples of activities children can do to practice each standard.	<a href="http://www.elcofduval.org/Uploads/vpk/ItsOKtoPlayinVPK.pdf">http://www.elcofduval.org/Uploads/vpk/ItsOKtoPlayinVPK.pdf</a>

Selecting Childcare Providers	Born Learning	This link provides a checklist of what to look for when searching for the best childcare environment for your child	<a href="http://www.bornlearning.org/default.aspx?id=23">http://www.bornlearning.org/default.aspx?id=23</a>
	Early Learning Coalition	This webpage (within the Early Learning Coalition) provides information about childcare facilities, opportunities for assistance, community resources, and much more.	<a href="http://www.elcofduval.org/ccrr.asp">http://www.elcofduval.org/ccrr.asp</a>
	Zero to Three	On this website you can search for most popular resources on child care along with useful tips and tools on child care.	<a href="http://www.zerotothree.org/early-care-education/child-care/">http://www.zerotothree.org/early-care-education/child-care/</a>

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Being Your Child's First Teacher	Born Learning	This link provides ideas and suggestions to make sure learning happens no matter where you are or what you are doing; activity suggestions are provided for at home, when traveling, and out in the community	<a href="http://www.bornlearning.org/default.aspx?id=3">http://www.bornlearning.org/default.aspx?id=3</a>
		This link provides ideas and video examples for helping your child (even as early as infancy) learn	<a href="http://www.bornlearning.org/default.aspx?id=17">http://www.bornlearning.org/default.aspx?id=17</a>
	Center for Early Literacy Learning	This website provides families with developmentally appropriate learning activities for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. The activities include reading, talking, listening, rhyming, and writing.	<a href="http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/pgparents.php">http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/pgparents.php</a>
	Colorin' Colorado	This bilingual section was created just for parents and families to provide you with the information you need to help your child become a good reader and a successful student.	<a href="http://www.colorincolorado.org/families">http://www.colorincolorado.org/families</a>
	Early Childhood Head Start Task Force	This site is a link to a printable guide (48-page document) titled "Teaching Our Youngest." Suggestions are provided for reading, listening, speaking, print, books, letters, background knowledge, numbers, and counting.	<a href="http://www2.ed.gov/teachers/how/early/teachingouryoungest/teachingouryoungest.pdf">http://www2.ed.gov/teachers/how/early/teachingouryoungest/teachingouryoungest.pdf</a>
	Florida Department of Education	Resources and strategies designed to help parents get involved in their child's education (PreK through 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade).	<a href="http://www.brightbeginningsfl.org/Parent/Default.aspx">http://www.brightbeginningsfl.org/Parent/Default.aspx</a>
	Get Ready to Read	This link (which is part of the Get Ready to Read website) takes you to an 8-minute video called <i>Raising Readers</i> . The video shows fun and easy ways to get your child ready to read.	<a href="http://www.getreadytoread.org/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=396">http://www.getreadytoread.org/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=396</a>
		This link gives you access to 36 individual activity cards with lessons you can enjoy with your preschool-aged child. Activity cards are available in English and Spanish.	<a href="http://www.getreadytoread.org/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=68&amp;Itemid=54">http://www.getreadytoread.org/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=68&amp;Itemid=54</a>
		This website is a link to a checklist that you can use to determine how literacy-friendly your home is.	<a href="http://www.getreadytoread.org/images/stories/downloads/home_checklist_rev.pdf">http://www.getreadytoread.org/images/stories/downloads/home_checklist_rev.pdf</a>
	Jacksonville Jaguars	This website is a part of the Jacksonville Jaguars and includes statements from the owner and coach encouraging children to read. Interactive games are available along with lists of books for different age levels.	<a href="http://www.playbooks.org/">http://www.playbooks.org/</a>
	Jim Trelease	This website provides links to literacy-related brochures that are written in an uncomplicated, to-the-point style, along with some charts and statistics.	<a href="http://www.trelease-on-reading.com/brochures.html">http://www.trelease-on-reading.com/brochures.html</a>
	National Education Association (NEA)	This website provides access to over 10 brochures that provide parents and caregivers with fundamental tools to encourage their children's success in school.	<a href="http://www.nea.org/parents">http://www.nea.org/parents</a>
	National Institute for Literacy	This website provides access to articles, reports, and other information for parents and educators concerning the latest research in early childhood education.	<a href="http://www.nifl.gov/publications/publications.html">http://www.nifl.gov/publications/publications.html</a>
		This site is a link to the Put Reading First brochure with information for families of children preschool through grade 3 concerning things they should know about what their child is learning, things they can do at home, and things they should expect to see in their child's classroom.	<a href="http://www.nifl.gov/publications/pdf/PRFbrochure.pdf">http://www.nifl.gov/publications/pdf/PRFbrochure.pdf</a>

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Being Your Child's First Teacher	PBS: Between the Lions	This website provides literacy tips for parents. These tips include reading activities for the kitchen and bath time among others. Links are available for activities in music, literacy on location, and writing.	<a href="http://www.pbs.org/parents/lions/activities/literacy_tips.html">http://www.pbs.org/parents/lions/activities/literacy_tips.html</a>
	Pizza Hut BOOK IT!	This website reminds families that they are their child's first teacher! Suggested book lists are provided along with tips for doing an effective read aloud.	<a href="http://www.bookitfamilies.com/Parents/index.asp">http://www.bookitfamilies.com/Parents/index.asp</a>
	Reach Out and Read	This website provides valuable information to families concerning the importance of read aloud, tips for reading aloud, and appropriate books to read aloud to children at various age levels.	<a href="http://www.reachoutandread.org/parents/index.aspx">http://www.reachoutandread.org/parents/index.aspx</a>
	Reading Is Fundamental	This website provides activities, articles, videos, and book information for parents of children ages birth through 5.	<a href="http://www.rif.org/kids/leadingtoreading/en/grown-ups.htm">http://www.rif.org/kids/leadingtoreading/en/grown-ups.htm</a>
		This website provides links to age-specific information and ideas to help your children learn to read. There are also links to literacy-related articles, activities, and other websites. There is information provided for all age levels but the emphasis is on children ages 6-15.	<a href="http://www.rif.org/parents/">http://www.rif.org/parents/</a>
	Reading Rockets	This website has links to printable guides that are filled with practical information on helping kids learn to read at home or at school.	<a href="http://www.readingrockets.org/guides/readingrockets">http://www.readingrockets.org/guides/readingrockets</a>
		This website provides a variety of ideas, suggestions, and strategies for parenting and teaching young children.	<a href="http://www.readingrockets.org/audience/parents">http://www.readingrockets.org/audience/parents</a>
		This site is a link to a brochure with ten tips families can do to help their preschoolers get on track for learning to read.	<a href="http://www.pbs.org/launchingreaders/pdfs/tips_1.pdf">http://www.pbs.org/launchingreaders/pdfs/tips_1.pdf</a>
	Tufts University Child and Family Web Guide	This website describes and provides links to trustworthy websites on the topic of <i>education</i> . All listed sites have been evaluated by graduate students and faculty in child development and selected due to the quality of information they provide.	<a href="http://www.cfw.tufts.edu/?/category/education-learning/3/">http://www.cfw.tufts.edu/?/category/education-learning/3/</a>
	U.S. Department of Education	This is a link to a 54-page booklet that tells how you can use all your language skills to build those of your child. It is designed for helping children from infancy to age 6, the most important years for learning the skills that children will need to become readers. It also contains activities that you can do with your young child.	<a href="http://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/reader/reader.pdf">http://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/reader/reader.pdf</a>
		This website provides families with math activities they can do with their children ages 2 – 5.	<a href="http://www2.ed.gov/pubs/EarlyMath/title.html">http://www2.ed.gov/pubs/EarlyMath/title.html</a>
	The World of Math Online	This website provides ideas for interactive hands-on experiences that families can enjoy with their children to learn math in the home, on the go, or at the grocery store. Suggested books, magazines, and websites are listed in addition to an explanation of what parents can expect in their child's classroom.	<a href="http://www.math.com/parents/articles/helpmath.html">http://www.math.com/parents/articles/helpmath.html</a>
	Zero to Three	This site is an interactive learning tool designed to help parents and caregivers encourage their young children's early learning.	<a href="http://www.zerotothree.org/early-care-education/school-readiness-interactive/">http://www.zerotothree.org/early-care-education/school-readiness-interactive/</a>
		This site provides tips, tools, and resources on early language and literacy skills.	<a href="http://www.zerotothree.org/early-care-education/early-language-literacy/">http://www.zerotothree.org/early-care-education/early-language-literacy/</a>

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Kid-Friendly Activities	Crayola	This website includes coloring pages, craft ideas, games and activities, and other experiences that young children will enjoy	<a href="http://www.crayola.com/">http://www.crayola.com/</a>	
	Create a Reader	This site combines technology, online games and exercises to encourage the development of early literacy skills.	<a href="http://www.create-a-reader.com/basic/english.html">http://www.create-a-reader.com/basic/english.html</a>	
	Disney	This is a website based on Disney television and movie characters. A wide variety of games, activities, videos, music, printable downloads, and family together time suggestions.	<a href="http://disney.go.com/preschool/">http://disney.go.com/preschool/</a>	
	Get Ready to Read	This link is a page on the Get Ready to Read website with access to three early literacy activities. It is suggested that these activities are enjoyed with an adult.	<a href="http://www.getreadytoread.org/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=101&amp;Itemid=108">http://www.getreadytoread.org/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=101&amp;Itemid=108</a>	
	Knee Bouncers	This is a website intended for very young children (under 3 years of age). The site includes interactive games and activities for children to enjoy.	<a href="http://www.kneebouncers.com/">http://www.kneebouncers.com/</a>	
	Jacksonville Public Library	This link is a webpage within the Jacksonville Public Library site with links to educationally appropriate sites with kid-friendly games and activities.	<a href="http://jpl.coj.net/kids/">http://jpl.coj.net/kids/</a>	
	PBS	This is the homepage for the PBS television channel with games and videos related to many of their shows.	<a href="http://pbskids.org/">http://pbskids.org/</a>	
	PBS: Arthur	This is a website based on the PBS television character Arthur (along with his friends) with a wide variety of games, activities, printable downloads, and suggested books for children.	<a href="http://pbskids.org/arthur/">http://pbskids.org/arthur/</a>	
	PBS: Between the Lions	This is the website for PBS Between the Lions. It includes games, stories, and video clips to children to explore.	<a href="http://pbskids.org/lions/">http://pbskids.org/lions/</a>	
	Reading Is Fundamental		This website provides stories, nursery rhymes, songs, games, and activities for children age birth through 5.	<a href="http://www.rif.org/kids/leadingtoreading/en/leadingtoreading.htm">http://www.rif.org/kids/leadingtoreading/en/leadingtoreading.htm</a>
			This website provides games and activities, books to read, and electronic communication access for children age 6 – 15.	<a href="http://www.rif.org/kids/readingplanet.htm">http://www.rif.org/kids/readingplanet.htm</a>
	Scholastic	This website provides a variety of games, activities, videos, stories, and printable items related to scholastic book titles (i.e., Clifford, Magic School Bus, Maya and Miguel)	<a href="http://www.scholastic.com/parents/play/games/">http://www.scholastic.com/parents/play/games/</a>	
	Sesame Street	This is a website based on the television show Sesame Street with a wide variety of games, activities, videos, songs, and printable downloads.	<a href="http://www.sesamestreet.org/home">http://www.sesamestreet.org/home</a>	
Starfall	This website provides literacy-related activities (letters, reading) along with seasonal activities for young children with a strong emphasis on phonics.	<a href="http://www.starfall.com/">http://www.starfall.com/</a>		
Classroom Connections	Houghton Mifflin	This website provides information and home activities for families related to the literacy curriculum that prekindergarten children are experiencing in their school classrooms.	<a href="http://www.eduplace.com/parents/prek.jsp">http://www.eduplace.com/parents/prek.jsp</a>	
	Backpack Program	Provide links to activities families can do from the backpack programs.		
	VPK Classroom	Provide pictures of a VPK classroom		

Suggestions:

Since there are so many resources and links to provide to families – I would have the categories on your website and when you click the category you are taken to a list of links – I would include some kind of picture, the website, and the description.

For example – your homepage might look something like this (with all categories – not just these three):



Classroom Connections



Kid-Friendly Sites



Parenting

Then – when you click on each category – you are taken to a different webpage that has a list of sites with the website and a brief description for each one. The ECS website is a great example: <http://www.ecs4kids.org/links.html>